



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School  
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20th December 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

**Advent!**

### Thought of the Week

This week, the children have been learning about advent. The children have made Advent promises in preparation for the coming of Our Lord, Jesus. We also remember his promise to come again!

### Goodbye Mrs Greville.

I have very sad news to tell you all. Mrs Greville will be leaving us at the end of this term as she is retiring to look after her granddaughter. Mrs Greville has been working here, at St Joseph's for over twenty years. She is a fantastic Teaching Assistant and she will be dearly missed by us all.

### Choir News

The choir have been extremely busy singing. On Monday 12th December, the choir sang at Watford Colosseum with nineteen other local primary schools. Well done to all the members of the choir for singing beautifully.

### Angel Express

The nativity play was excellent. The children sang, danced and recited their lines wonderfully. Well done children for your hard work, outstanding singing and amazing acting skills! The DVD is now on sale from the school office, costing £5.00. Thank you to all the parents that helped put the stage away after the performance.

### Key Stage 2 Advent Service

The true meaning of Advent was celebrated through our Advent Service last week. The Key Stage 2 children performed beautifully. Well done children!

### End of Term Mass

There will be an Advent Mass on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December, in church, at 9.15a.m. All parents/carers are welcome to join us.

### Attendance Award

Year 2 had the best attendance last week. Well done Year 2!

### St Joseph's Church Services

Christmas Mass: 24<sup>th</sup> December at 6p.m.  
Midnight Mass 24<sup>th</sup> December at 12.a.m.  
Christmas Day Mass 25<sup>th</sup> December 8.30a m and 10.30a.m.

## **Important Notice**

1. Primary School Place  
**Important Notice: School Admissions**



The paragraph below is very important for all Foundation 1 parents. Applications for admission to our school is now open. You will need to apply for:

**A reception place in primary, infant or first school** if your child was born between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013

Please ensure you complete the **Hertfordshire on-line form**, the **School's Supplementary Form** and **Certificate of Catholic Practice**. When completing the on-line form, please be aware that there are four St Joseph's schools in Hertfordshire so it is very important to select the right St Joseph's. We are St Joseph's in Watford, code number 9193383.

**Supplementary Information Forms** are obtainable from the school. You can also obtain the **Certificate of Catholic Practice from Father Stephen or your parish priest**. All forms must be completed and returned to the school office before admission can be considered.

Therefore, in order to apply for our school, we must receive:

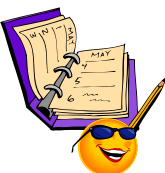
- Supplementary Information Form
- Certificate Of Catholic Practice (if applicable)
- Baptism Certificate (if applicable)

The closing date is 15th January 2017. Please do not be late as this could jeopardise your child's place at the school.

2. Please ensure your child wears a coat to school as it is getting very cold outside.
3. Boots may be worn to school but pupils must wear shoes in school. Thank you.
4. School finishes at **1.30p.m.** tomorrow, Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December. We start back on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2017.**

**Have a great Christmas and a Happy New Year.**

**Linda Payne**  
**Headteacher**



Wednesday 21st December

End of term. School closes at 1.30p.m.

**Spring Term 2017**

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January

Start of term

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January

Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m.

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January

Welcome Mass (for new F1 January intake) starts at 9.30a.m.

Friday 3rd February

Parents' Forum at 9.45 a.m.

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February

Parents' Evening

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February

Parents' Evening

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February

End of term. School closes at 3.15p.m.

13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> February

Half term break

Monday 20th February

Start of term

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March

Ash Wednesday Service at church

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

World Book Day – Book Character Non Uniform day

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

St David's Non-Uniform Day

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March

St Patrick's Non-Uniform Day

St Joseph's Day Mass – date to be confirmed.

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March

Lenten Toy Sale

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March

Lenten Cake Competition

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March

Mass in School

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March

Easter Bonnet Parade

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March

End of term. School closes at 1.30p.m.

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

Easter School for Year 6

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April

Easter School for Year 6





**Summer Term 2017**

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> May  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> May  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May  
29<sup>th</sup> May - 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> June  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July



Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July

Start of term  
St George's Non-Uniform Day  
Parents' Forum at 9.45 a.m.

May Day. School closed.  
KS2 SATs - Year 6 Tests  
KS1 SATs- Year 2  
Parents' Forum at 9.45 a.m.  
KS1 Sports Day at 1.30p.m.  
KS2 Sports Day at 1.30p.m.  
End of half term. School closes at 3.15p.m.  
Half term break

School Closed - Inset day  
Start of term  
KS1 Reserve Sports Day  
KS2 Reserve Sports Day

Year 1 Phonic tests commence  
Phonic meeting for F2 parents- Getting ready for Year 1  
Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m  
Year 6 School Journey  
F1 new pupils visits

F1 new parents meeting  
Foundation Stage Sports Day  
Parents' Forum at 9.45 a.m.

Foundation Stage Reserve Sports Day  
Transition day

Year 6 Leavers' Mass

KS2 Dress Rehearsal at 9.30 a.m.  
KS2 Play at 6.00p.m

FS & KS1 Teddy Bear Picnic (Please bring a Teddy Bear)  
Year 6 Barbecue

Leavers' Assembly at 9.00 a.m.  
End of term. School closes at 1.30p.m.