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21st October 2016

Dear Parents

Harvest Assembly

The Harvest assembly was wonderful! The children sang, performed, danced and read beautifully whilst giving thanks to God for the Harvest!

This week, the children have been thinking about giving to others. Thank you for the kind donations which will be going to the Watford Food Bank Appeal. I am sure they will be delighted with the items donated.

Primary School Place

Important Notice: School Admissions

The paragraph below is very important for all Foundation 1 parents. Applications for admission to our school will open on 7 November 2016. 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 and the **Certificate of Catholic Practice** are obtainable from the school. 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)

Please do not be late as this could jeopardise your child's place at the school.

Parents' Forum Outcomes

I would like to thank those parents who gave up their time to attend our recent Parents' Forum. It was a great meeting. Class Representatives were nominated for each year group.

The Class Representatives for the Parents' Forum are as follows:

Foundation 1 – Miss Catherine O'Connor & Miss Lisa Sheehan
Foundation 2 - Mrs Kerry O'Brien
Year 1 - Ms Jo Flaherty
Year 2 – Ms Julie Hagger & Mrs Kerry Moore
Year 3 - Mrs Jenny Critelli
Year 4 - Mrs Alex Walsh
Year 5 - Mrs Clare Leahy
Year 6 – Mrs Donna Osborne

Your Class Representative will become the spokesperson for your year group. Therefore, if you have any ideas, please contact the Class Representative directly, before or after school or via the e-mail addresses listed below:

Foundation 1: FS1-parentsforum@stjosephs775.herts.sch.uk

Foundation 2: FS2-parentsforum@stjosephs775.herts.sch.uk

Year 1: Y1-parentsforum@stjosephs775.herts.sch.uk

Year 2: Y2-parentsforum@stjosephs775.herts.sch.uk

Year 3: Y3-parentsforum@stjosephs775.herts.sch.uk

Year 4: Y4-parentsforum@stjosephs775.herts.sch.uk

Year 5: Y5-parentsforum@stjosephs775.herts.sch.uk

Year 6: Y6-parentsforum@stjosephs775.herts.sch.uk

Any e-mails sent to the above e-mail addresses will be discussed at the following month's Parents' Forum.

If you have any ideas or concerns regarding the school, please contact your Class Representative. Your views are very important to us. The next meeting will be on Friday 6th November, after assembly. Everyone is welcome to attend.

During the recent Parents' Forum, the Class Representatives asked for:

- end of year expectations for each year group
- after school clubs
- **PTA Christmas Present Appeal.** (If you have any unwanted gifts/toiletries please send into school for our Christmas shop. During the month of December, the children will have the chance to visit the Christmas shop and buy a gift for their parents at a small cost. All money raised will go towards buying shelving and books for our new library)

Sports News

I am delighted to inform you that we have been awarded the Gold School Games Mark for our achievements in competitive sport and excellence in PE. Well done to the staff and children for their hard work. I would also like to say thank Mrs Aston for effectively leading PE in our school, and obtaining the Gold School Games Mark which is a highly prestigious award.
Year 6 entered the Catholic Schools Netball and Football Competition, and played brilliantly. The teams made it through to the semi-finals but were knocked out during the golden ball round. Well done to all the children for their great effort.

Year 4 entered the South Oxhey Schools Consortium Golf Competition. Both Team A and Team B played exceptionally well and they all tried their best. Team A made it through to the next stage of the competition and had a great day competing against other Hertfordshire Schools. Well done to both Team A and Team B.

School Trips Information

Please note, Year 1 to Year 6 pupils, generally attend between one and three school trips per school year. The school trips are linked to the topic they are studying in class. Trips approximately cost between £5 and £20. You may pay by cash or cheques. Please make all cheques payable to St Joseph's Catholic Primary School. Thank you.

School Clubs

The table below shows a list of the following clubs. If your child would like to attend any of the clubs, please contact the school office.

	Before school	Lunch Time	After School
Monday	• Breakfast Club	• Drama Musical Theatre • Sports Leaders • KS1 Multi-skills Club	• KS1 Football Club • Happy Days After School Club
Tuesday	• Breakfast Club	• Multi-Sports • Sports Leaders • KS2 Netball Club	• Happy Days After School Club
Wednesday	• Breakfast Club	• Multi-Sports • Sports Leaders • Key Stage 1 Basketball Club	• KS2 Tennis Club • Happy Days After School Club • Netball Club
Thursday	• Breakfast Club • Cheerleading	• Key Stage 2 Football Club • Sports Leaders	• KS2 Football Club • Happy Days After School Club
Friday	• Breakfast Club	• Multi-Sports • Sports Leaders • Key Stage 2 Football Club	• Art Club • Happy Days After School Club

Breast Cancer Appeal

Thank you for your kind donations to our Breast Cancer Appeal. We have raised £184 for Breast Cancer Research.

Poppy Appeal

We will be supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal in memory of the fallen soldiers. The poppy is a powerful symbol and it is worn to commemorate the sacrifices of our Armed Forces, as well as to show support to those still serving today and their loved ones.

This year, the Royal British Legion have sent a box of poppy items (such as wristbands/friendship bracelets/hairclips/pencils/erasers/flexi-rulers/reflective tags/tattoos/bugs) to sell in support of this year's Poppy Appeal. Prices per item vary from 50p to £1.00 and are available from the office. All money raised through the Poppy Appeal goes directly to currently serving British Armed Forces, or those who have previously served, and their families. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile charity.

Fireworks Night

Please come along and share in our firework night celebrations on Friday 4th November. If you are available to help on the night, please contact Krysia via the school office. Gates open at 6.30p.m. See you all there!

Important Notices

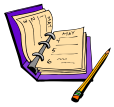
1. Important Secondary School Transfer Information

The closing date for Secondary School admissions is 31st October 2016. Year 6 parents must complete the online form at www.hertsdirect.org/admissions and complete the Schools' Supplementary Form by this date.

Attendance Award

Year 4, had the best attendance last week with 99%! Well done Year 4!

Have a lovely break.



Mrs L. Payne

Dates for the diary

Friday 21st October	Harvest Assembly at 9.05a.m.
Friday 21st October	End of term. School closes at 3.15p.m.
Monday 31st October	Start of term
Friday 4th November	PTA Fireworks Night at 6.30p.m.
Friday 4th November	Onesie Sponsored Walk Day (New Date)
Friday 4th November	Parents' Forum at 9.45 a.m.
Thursday 10th November	Year 5 Class Mass. Starts at 2.00p.m.
Thursday 24th November	Year 4 Class Mass. Starts at 2.00p.m.
Friday 25th November	PTA Disco
Wednesday 30th November	St Andrew's Non Uniform day
Thursday 1st December	Year 6 Class Mass. Starts at 2.00p.m.
Thursday 1st December	New F1 pupils visit to the school
Friday 2nd December	Parents' Forum at 9.45 a.m.
Thursday 8th December	KS1 Play - dress rehearsal. Starts at 9.30a.m
Thursday 8th December	1.30p.m New F1 Parents meeting (January intake only)
Friday 9th December	KS1 Play. Starts at 9.30a.m.
Monday 12th December	Choir singing at Watford Colosseum 7.15pm
Wednesday 14th December	Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day (New date)
Thursday 15th December	KS2 Advent Service with Carols. Starts at 1.30p.m.
Friday 16th December	Foundation Stage & KS1 Pantomime, Watersmeet Theatre
Monday 19th December	Key Stage 2 Pantomime at Watersmeet Theatre
Wednesday 21st December	Mass in church 9.15a.m.
Wednesday 21st December	End of term. School closes at 1.30p.m.

Spring Term 2017

Thursday 5th January	Start of term
Friday 6th January	Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m.
Thursday 26th January	Welcome Mass (for new F1 January intake) starts at 9.30a.m.
Friday 3rd February	Parents' Forum at 9.45 a.m.
Monday 6th February	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 8th February	Parents' Evening
Friday 10th February	End of term. School closes at 3.15p.m.
13th – 17th February	Half term break
Monday 20th February	Start of term
Wednesday 1st March	Ash Wednesday Service at church
Thursday 2nd March	World Book Day – Book Character Non Uniform day
Friday 3rd March	St David's Non-Uniform Day
Friday 17th March	St Patrick's Non-Uniform Day
	St Joseph's Day Mass – date to be confirmed.
Thursday 24th March	Lenten Toy Sale

Monday 27th March	Lenten Cake Competition
Thursday 30th March	Mass in School
Friday 31st March	Easter Bonnet Parade
Friday 31st March	End of term. School closes at 1.30p.m.
Monday 3rd April	Easter School for Year 6
Tuesday 4th April	Easter School for Year 6

Summer Term 2017

Tuesday 18th April	Start of term
Friday 21st April	St George's Non-Uniform Day
Friday 21st April	Parents' Forum at 9.45 a.m.
Monday 1st May	May Day. School closed.
Monday 8th- 12th May	KS2 SATs – Year 6 Tests
Monday 15th – 26th May	KS1 SATs- Year 2
Friday 19th May	Parents' Forum at 9.45 a.m.
Monday 22nd May	KS1 Sports Day at 1.30p.m.
Tuesday 23rd May	KS2 Sports Day at 1.30p.m.
Friday 26th May	End of half term. School closes at 3.15p.m.
29th May – 2nd June	Half term break
Monday 5th June	School Closed – Inset day
Tuesday 6th June	Start of term
Tuesday 6th June	KS1 Reserve Sports Day
Wednesday 7th June	KS2 Reserve Sports Day
Monday 12th June	Year 1 Phonic tests commence
Wednesday 21st June	Phonic meeting for F2 parents- Getting ready for Year 1
Friday 23rd June	Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m
Monday 26th – 30th June	Year 6 School Journey
Wednesday 28th June	F1 new pupils visits
Thursday 6th July	F1 new parents meeting
Wednesday 5th July	Foundation Stage Sports Day
Friday 7th July	Parents' Forum at 9.45 a.m.
Wednesday 12th July	Foundation Stage Reserve Sports Day
Thursday 13th July	Transition day
Friday 14th July	Year 6 Leavers' Mass
Monday 17th July	KS2 Dress Rehearsal at 9.30 a.m.
Tuesday 18th July	KS2 Play at 6.00p.m
Wednesday 19th July	FS & KS1 Teddy Bear Picnic (Please bring a Teddy Bear)
Wednesday 19th July	Year 6 Barbecue
Thursday 20th July	Leavers' Assembly at 9.00 a.m. End of term. School closes at 1.30p.m.