



22nd June 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

Thought of the Week

Using the Gifts of the Holy Spirit!

The children have been learning about the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. These gifts help us to respond to the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives, to make good choices, and to serve God and others.

Leavers' Mass and Assembly

I cannot believe the time has come to say farewell to our Year 6 class. The Leavers' Mass will be on Friday 14th July at 11.00a.m. and the Leavers' assembly will be on Thursday 20th July. All parents and carers are welcome to join us on these dates.

Foundation Stage Sports Day

The Foundation Stage Sports day will be on Wednesday 5th July starting at 9.30am, weather permitting. Please make sure all children's PE kits are at school and are clearly labelled.

Key Stage 2 Production

This year, the Key Stage 2 children will be performing the play: The Rocky Monster Show. The dress rehearsal will be on Monday 17th July starting at 9.30a.m. Children/toddlers are welcome to attend the dress rehearsal. The final show will be performed on Tuesday 18th July starting at 6 p.m. Every year, we reserve two seats per Year 6 family, in the front rows as it is the Year 6 children's final play here at St Joseph's.

Summer Fete

The Summer Fete will be on Sunday 2nd July starting at 12pm until 3pm. There will be lots of exciting activities such as a bouncy castle, bottle tombola, penalty shoot-out, sweet tombola, dance displays and excellent music. It will be a fantastic day so please come along and support this great fundraising event. The money raised will help purchase a new library.

Parentmail

Hopefully, you all should have received a text message from Parentmail asking you to re-register your details. It is very important to register your details otherwise you will not receive any letters/communications from the school. Thank you.

Term Dates

The term dates for next year are attached. Please note, the Easter holiday dates for next year are in-line with St Michael's and St Joan of Arc Catholic Secondary Schools and not in-line with the other Hertfordshire schools. The holiday dates have changed to help with any childcare issues but more importantly to celebrate Easter for a two week period.

School Uniform

Well done to those children who are wearing the correct uniform. You all look very smart. However, there are a few children wearing the wrong polo shirt, trainers, boots and brightly coloured socks. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform and appropriate footwear. Thank you for your help regarding this matter.

Sunny Weather

Please remember to send your child into school with a sun hat, water bottle and apply sun-cream in the morning. School sun hats can be purchased from the office.

Important Notices

- **Inset Day**

The school will be closed on Monday 3rd July due to staff Inset day.

Attendance Award

Year 1, have won the best attendance award! Well done Year 1!



Prayer of the Week

Dear Lord

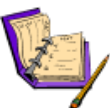
Please help the people who were involved in the recent terrible tragedies in London Borough Market, Grenfell Tower, Westminster, Manchester and Finsbury Park. Please support the families of the people who died in these tragedies. We ask you Lord, to help people to show love to one another rather than conflict.

Amen

By Maria and Ariana Year 6

Have a lovely week.

Linda Payne
Headteacher



Diary Dates **Summer Term 2017**

Friday 23rd June
Monday 26th – 30th June
Wednesday 28th June

Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m
Year 6 School Journey
F1 new pupils visits

Monday 3rd July

Inset day – School Closed (new date)

Wednesday 5th July

Foundation Stage Sports Day at 9.30a.m.

Thursday 6th July

F1 new parents meeting

Friday 7th July
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Picnic lunch starting at 12.00p.m. (new date)
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 11.00a.m

Monday 17th July

KS2 Dress Rehearsal at 9.30 a.m.

Tuesday 18th July

KS2 Play at 6.00p.m

Thursday 20th July

Leaver's Assembly

DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2017/2018

Autumn Term 2017		Number of Days	
Occasional	30-08-17		
Occasional	31-08-17		
Occasional	01-09-17		
Inset day	04-09-17	(38 days)	(8 weeks)
School Starts	05-09-17	(33 pupil days)	
Deanery day	20-10-17		
Half Term	23-10-17		
	27-10-17		
School Starts	30-10-17		
End of Term	20-12-17	(38 days)	(8 weeks)
		Total	76 days

Spring Term 2018

School Starts	04-01-18	(27 days)	(6 weeks)
Half Term	12-02-18		
	16-02-18		
School Starts	19-02-18		
End of Term	29-03-18	(29 days)	(6 weeks)
		Total	56 days

Summer Term 2018

School Starts	16-04-18	(29 days)	(6 weeks)
May Day	02-05-18		
Bank Holiday	07-05-18		
May Day	28-05-18		
Half Term	29-05-18		
	01-06-18		
Inset Day	04-06-18		
School Starts	05-06-18		
End of Term	20-07-18	(34 pupil days)	
Inset Day	23-07-18		
Inset Day	24-07-18	(40 days)	(8 weeks)
Occasional Day	25-07-18		
Occasional Day	26-07-18		
Occasional Day	27-07-18		
		Total	69 days

School Term Dates 2017-2018

Autumn 2017	=	Wednesday 30 th August to Friday 20 th October	38 days
		Monday 30 th October to Wednesday 20 th December	38 days
Spring 2018	=	Thursday 4 th January to Friday 9 th February	27 days
		Monday 19 th February to Thursday 29 th March	29 days
Summer 2018	=	Monday 16 th April to Friday 25 th May	29 days
		Monday 4 th June to Friday 27 th July	40 days
		201 days	