



24th October 2019

Dear Parents,



Harvest Assembly

The Harvest assembly is our chance to thank God for the Harvest! The children sang, performed and danced beautifully at our Harvest Festival. Thank you very much for your kind donations to our Harvest Appeal.

Important Notice: School Admissions: Primary School Place

The paragraph below is very important for all Foundation 1 parents. Applications for admission to our school will open on 4th November 2019. You will need to apply for a school place if your child was born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016

Please ensure you complete the **Hertfordshire on-line form at:**

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/school-admissions/primary-junior-and-middle-schools/primary-junior-and-middle-school-places.aspx>

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.

You will also need to complete the **School's Supplementary Information Form** which is obtainable from the school office or the school's website. A **Certificate of Catholic Practice** is also required which you can get from your church. All forms must be completed and returned to the school office before admission can be considered.

Therefore, in order to apply for our school, the following documents are required:

1. Supplementary Information Form
2. Certificate of Catholic Practice (if applicable)
3. Baptism Certificate (if applicable)

Please do not be late as this could jeopardise your child's place at the school. The closing date for all applications is 15th January 2020.

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 – Winnette Turner

Foundation 2 – Kate Gammel

Year 1 – Catherine Dodds

Year 2 – Emma Stack

Year 3 – Alex Walsh

Year 4 – Jo Quickenden

Year 5 – Grace Forbes

Year 6 – Kerry O'Brien

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:

parentsforum@stjosephs775.herts.sch.uk

Any e-mails sent to the above e-mail address 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 9th November, after assembly. Everyone is welcome to attend.

During the recent Parents' Forum, the Class Representatives discussed:

- Workshops/ Information meetings for parents
- Future events

Parents & Teachers Association (PTA) Christmas Present Appeal

If you have any unwanted gifts/toiletries please send them 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 our new library. We will require volunteers to help wrap up presents therefore if you are available to help at any point during the month of December, please contact the school office.

School Trips Information

Please note, Foundation 2 to Year 6 pupils, generally attend between one and three trips per school year. The school trips are linked to the topic they are studying in class. Trips will cost approximately £5 to £20. To help with your future budget planning, the most expensive trips occur in Year 5 and 6. In Year 5, the pupils go on an overnight trip to Phasels Wood, which costs approximately £80. In Year 6, the children go to Wales for a week. This costs approximately £380. Trips can be paid via cash, cheques to St Joseph's School or via Parentmail. Thank you.



Breast Cancer Appeal

Thank you for your kind donations to our Breast Cancer Appeal. We have raised £170.30 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 all 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 to buy at playtimes and lunchtimes. 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 8th November. If you are available to help, please contact Krysia via the school office. Gates open at 6.30p.m. Tickets are available from the school office. See you all there!

Important Notices

1. Inset & Occasional Day

The school will be closed on Friday 25th October and Friday 29th November.



Attendance Award

Year 5, had the best attendance last week .Well done Year 5!

Have a lovely break.

Mrs L. Payne

Dates for the diary

October	
Friday 25 th October	School Closed – Deanery Inset Day
28 th October – 1 st November	Half Term Holiday – School Closed

November	
Monday 4th November	Start of term
Thursday 7 th November	Year 5 Remembrance Mass at 2.00p.m. Year 5 parents are welcome to attend.
Friday 8 th November	Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m. PTA Fireworks Night at 6.30p.m. (weather permitting)
Tuesday 12 th November	Year 6 Hudnell Park – School Trip (New Date)
Thursday 21 st November	Year 4 Refugee Mass at 2.00p.m. Year 4 parents are welcome to attend.
Thursday 28 th November	Year 6 Advent Mass at 2.00p.m. Year 6 parents are welcome to attend.
Thursday 28 th November	St Andrew's Non Uniform day (children may wear blue white or tartan). PTA School Disco (information to follow).
Friday 29 th November	Occasional Day – School Closed

December	
Wednesday 4 th December	Choir singing at Watford Colosseum 7.15pm Parents are welcome to attend. Tickets must be purchased from Watford Colosseum.
Friday 6 th December	Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m.
Friday 6 th December	Last swimming for Year 3 and Year 4
Wednesday 11 th December	KS1 & Foundation Stage Play (dress rehearsal- parents and toddlers welcome). Starts at 9.30a.m
Thursday 12 th December	KS1 & Foundation Stage Play. Starts at 9.30a.m. All parents welcome to attend.
Friday 13 th December	Whole School Trip Pantomime, Watford Palace Theatre
Tuesday 17 th December	KS2 Advent Service with Carols. Starts at 1.30p.m.
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day (children may wear a Christmas jumper/teeshirt).
Thursday 19 th December	Whole School Christmas Quiz & Foundation Stage Party
Friday 20th December	Mass in church 9.15a.m.

	End of term. School closes at 1.30p.m. (F1 – Y6) All parents are welcome to attend the Mass
23rd December – 3rd January	Christmas Holiday – School Closed

January 2020 Spring Term	
Monday 6th January	Start of term
Friday 10 th January	Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m.
Friday 17 th January	Swimming starts for Year 3 and Year 5

February	
Tuesday 4 th February	Maths meeting for F1 & F2 parents. Starts at 2.30pm or 6.00p.m.
Friday 7 th February	Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m.
Monday 10 th February	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 11 th February	Safer Internet Day
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Friday 14th February	End of term. School closes at 3.15p.m.
17th 21st February	Half Term holiday – School Closed
Monday 24th February	Start of Term
Wednesday 26 th February	Ash Wednesday Mass starts at 9.15a.m. (F1 – Y6) All parents are welcome to attend the Mass
Friday 28 th February	St David's Non-Uniform Day (Children may wear green, red, white or yellow). Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m.

March	
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day – Book Character Non Uniform day. All parents are welcome to attend the World Book Day Assembly. This is a non-uniform day. Children may dress up as their favourite book character.
Friday 6 th March	Parents' Forum
Tuesday 17 th March	St Patrick's Non-Uniform Day (Children may wear green or white).
Thursday 19 th March	St Joseph's Day Mass – date to be confirmed.
Friday 20 th March	Mother's day Class Assembly starts at 9.00a.m. All F1 – F2 mothers/carers welcome to attend.
Friday 27 th March	Last swimming for Year 3 and Year 5
Monday 30 th March	Lenten Cake Competition (all children may enter by baking a cake). Cake sale.

April	
Thursday 2 nd April	Lenten Toy Sale (please donate old toys).
Friday 3rd April	Easter Bonnet Parade (F1 – Y6 classes) (F1-Y6) All parents welcome to attend the Easter Bonnet Parade. Children to make the bonnets at home and bring them into school. All children may participate in this event. End of term. School closes at 1.30p.m.
Monday 6 th April	Easter School for Year 6
Tuesday 7 th April	Easter School for Year 6
Monday 20th April	Start of Term
Thursday 23 rd April	St George's Non-Uniform Day (Children may wear red, white or blue).
Friday 24 th April	Swimming starts for Year 3 and Year 6

May	
Friday 1st May	Parents' Forum
Friday 8th May	Bank Holiday. School closed.
4 th – 22 nd May	KS1 SATs- Year 2
Monday 11th – 14th May	KS2 SATs – Year 6 Tests (free breakfast club for Year 6 pupils all week, starting at 8.00a.m.)

Monday 11th May	KS 2 Spelling, punctuation and Grammar Paper 1 & 2 tests
Tuesday 12th May	KS2 Reading Test
Wednesday 13th May	KS2 Maths Paper 1 & 2 Test
Thursday 14th May	KS2 Maths Paper 3 Test
Monday 18 th May	Walk to School Week
Tuesday 19 th May	KS1 Sports Day at 9.30a.m. KS1 parents may attend.
Tuesday 19 th May	KS2 Sports Day at 1.15p.m. KS2 parents may attend.
Thursday 21 st May	Year 5 Secondary School Transfer Meeting at 2.30p.m. (All Year 5 parents are welcome to attend)
Friday 22 nd May	End of term. School closes at 3.15p.m.
25 th May – 1 st June	Half Term Holiday – School Closed

June	
Monday 1st June	Inset Day – school closed.
Tuesday 2nd June	Start of Term
Wednesday 3 rd June	KS1 Reserve Sports Day at 9.30p.m. KS1 parents may attend.
Wednesday 3 rd June	KS2 Reserve Sports Day at 1.15p.m. KS2 parents may attend.
Friday 5 th June	Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m.
Monday 8 th June	Year 1 Phonic tests commence Year 4 Multiplication tests commence
Wednesday 24 th June	F1 new pupils visits 1.30p.m.
Thursday 25 th June	Phonic meeting for F2 parents- Getting ready for Year 1 at 2.00p.m
Friday 26 th June	St Peter & St Paul's Mass in school at 11.00a.m. (F1 – Y6) All parents are welcome to attend the Mass
Monday 29 th June – 3 rd July	Year 6 School Journey

July	
Wednesday 1 st July	F1 visits and new parents meeting 1.30p.m.
Thursday 2 nd July	Foundation Stage Sports Day at 9.30a.m. F1 & F2 parents welcome to attend.
Friday 3 rd July	Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m.
Friday 3rd July	Final Year 3 swim – double session
Wednesday 8 th July	Reserve date: Foundation Stage Sports Day at 9.30a.m. F1 & F2 parents welcome to attend.
Wednesday 8 th July	Year 2 to Year 3 Transition Meeting at 2.30p.m. (All Year 2 parents are welcome to attend)
Thursday 9 th July	Secondary School Transition day New to F2 Parents' Meeting at 9.15a.m. (Current F1 parents to attend).
Friday 10 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Mass Whole School Picnic starting at 12.30p.m. (weather permitting)
Monday 13 th July	FS & KS1 Teddy Bear Picnic (Please bring a Teddy Bear)
Friday 10th July	Final Year 6 swim – double session
Tuesday 14 th July	KS2 Dress Rehearsal at 9.30 a.m. KS2 parents and toddlers are welcome to attend.
Tuesday 14 th July	Year 6 Barbecue at 1.30p.m.- 3.00pm. Year 6 parents welcome to attend. Parents to bring party food please.
Wednesday 15 th July	KS2 Play at 6.00p.m KS2 parents are welcome to attend.
Thursday 16th July	Leavers' Assembly at 9.00 a.m. (F1 – Y6) All parents are welcome to attend the Mass End of term. School closes at 1.30p.m.