



25th October 2018

Dear Parents,



Harvest

Harvest Assembly



The Harvest assembly is our chance to thank God for the Harvest! The children will be performing and dancing on Friday 26th October at 9.00a.m. All parents/carers are welcome to attend this special assembly.

We are still collecting socks, wet wipes, water, food, toiletries and cleaning products; all items donated will be given to the Watford Food Bank Appeal and to the homeless.

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 5 November 2018. You will need to apply for:

A reception place in primary, infant or first school if your child was born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015

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.

A Supplementary Information Form is obtainable from the school office. Your priest will also need to complete a **Certificate of Catholic Practice** which is obtainable 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, 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.

The closing date for all applications is 15th January 2019.

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 – Sarah Hickling

Foundation 2 - Hayley Barber

Year 1 – Emma Stack

Year 2 – Alex Walsh

Year 3 – Jo Quickenden

Year 4 – Grace Forbes

Year 5 – Kerry O'Brien

Year 6 – Shelley Vincett

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 9th November, after assembly. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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

- after school clubs for Foundation 2 pupils
- school photographs
- football
- future events

Parents & Teachers Association (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 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. You may pay by cash or cheques. Please make all cheques payable to St Joseph's Catholic Primary School. Thank you.

School Clubs

Please see the table below for a list of all our clubs. If your child would like to attend any of the clubs, please contact the school office.

	Before school	Lunch Time	After School
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drama Musical Theatre • Sports Leaders • KS1 Multi-skills Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KS2 Football Club • Karate Club • Happy Days After School Club
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multi-Sports • Sports Leaders • KS2 Tag Rugby 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Happy Days After School Club • Gymnastics Club
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multi-Sports • Sports Leaders • Key Stage 2 Football Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Happy Days After School Club • Netball Club • Gymnastics Club
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast Club • Cheerleading 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports Leaders • Basketball • Key Stage 2 Girls' Football club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Happy Days After School Club • KS1 Football
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multi-Sports • Sports Leaders • Key Stage 2 Football Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art Club • Happy Days After School Club



Breast Cancer Appeal

Thank you for your kind donations to our Breast Cancer Appeal. We have raised £195 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 9th 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. Occasional Day

The school will be closed on Friday 23rd November.

2. Important Secondary School Transfer Information

The closing date for Secondary School admissions is 31st October 2018. Year 6 parents must complete the online form at www.hertsdirect.org/admissions and complete the Schools' Supplementary Form by this date or earlier if possible.



Attendance Award

Year 2, had the best attendance last week with 100%. Well done Year 2!

Have a lovely break.

Mrs L. Payne

Dates for the diary

October	
Friday 26 th October	Harvest Assembly (F1 – Y6) All parents are welcome to attend the Mass End of term. School closes at 3.15p.m.

November	
Monday 5th November	Start of term
Thursday 8 th November	Year 5 Remembrance Mass at 2.00p.m. Year 5 parents are welcome to attend.
Friday 9 th November	Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m. PTA Fireworks Night at 6.30p.m. (weather permitting)
Thursday 15 th November	Year 4 Refugee Mass at 2.00p.m. Year 4 parents are welcome to attend.
Monday 19 th November	Year 3 Hudnell Park – School Trip
Tuesday 20 th November	Year 6 Hudnell Park School Trip
Friday 23 rd November	Occasional Day – School Closed
Thursday 29 th November	Year 6 Advent Mass at 2.00p.m. Year 6 parents are welcome to attend.
Friday 30 th November	St Andrew's Non Uniform day (children may wear blue white or tartan). PTA School Disco (information to follow).

December	
Wednesday 5 th December	Choir singing at Watford Colosseum 7.15pm Parents are welcome to attend. Tickets must be purchased from Watford Colosseum.
Friday 7 th December	Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m.
Friday 7 th December	Last swimming for Year 3 and Year 4
Thursday 13 th December	KS1 & Foundation Stage Play (dress rehearsal- parents and toddlers welcome). Starts at 9.30a.m
Friday 14 th December	KS1 & Foundation Stage Play. Starts at 9.30a.m. All parents welcome to attend.
Monday 17 th December	KS2 Advent Service with Carols. Starts at 1.30p.m.
Tuesday 18 th December	Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day (children may wear a Christmas jumper/teeshirt).
Wednesday 19 th December	Whole School Christmas Quiz & Foundation Stage Party
Thursday 20 th December	Whole School Trip Pantomime, Watersmeet Theatre
Friday 21st 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

January 2019	
Spring Term	
Monday 7th January	Start of term
Friday 11 th January	Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m.

Friday 18 th January	Swimming starts for Year 3 and Year 5
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February	
Friday 1 st February	Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m.
Tuesday 5 th February	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 7 th February	Maths meeting for F1 & F2 parents. Starts at 2.30pm or 6.00p.m.
Monday 11 th February	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 13 th February	Parents' Evening
Friday 15th February	End of term. School closes at 3.15p.m.
Monday 25th February	Start of Term
March	
Friday 1 st March	St David's Non-Uniform Day (Children may wear green, white or yellow). Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m.
Wednesday 6 th March	Ash Wednesday Mass starts at 9.15a.m. (F1 – Y6) All parents are welcome to attend the Mass
Thursday 7 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 15 th March	St Patrick's Non-Uniform Day (Children may wear green or white).
Monday 18 th March	St Joseph's Day Mass – date to be confirmed.
Friday 29 th March	Mother's day Class Assembly starts at 9.00a.m. All F1 – F2 mothers/carers welcome to attend.
Friday 29 th March	Last swimming for Year 3 and Year 5

April	
Monday 1 st April	Lenten Cake Competition (all children may enter by baking a cake).
Thursday 4 th April	Lenten Toy Sale (please donate old toys).
Friday 5th April	Easter Bonnet Parade (F1 – Y6 classes) (F1-Y6) All parents welcome to attend the Easter Bonnet Parade. Children make bonnets at home and must bring them into school today. All children may participate in this event. End of term. School closes at 1.30p.m.
Monday 8 th April	Easter School for Year 6
Tuesday 9 th April	Easter School for Year 6
Monday 23rd April	Start of Term
	St George's Non-Uniform Day (Children may wear red, white or blue).
Friday 26 th April	Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m.

May	
Monday 6th May	May Day. School closed.
Tuesday 7 th – 24 th May	KS1 SATs- Year 2
Monday 13th – 16th May	KS2 SATs – Year 6 Tests (free breakfast club for Year 6 pupils all week, starting at 8.00a.m.)
Monday 13th May	KS 2 Spelling, punctuation and Grammar Paper 1 & 2 tests
Tuesday 14th May	KS2 Reading Test
Wednesday 15th May	KS2 Maths Paper 1 & 2 Test
Thursday 16th May	KS2 Maths Paper 3 Test
Friday 17 th May	Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m.
Monday 20 th May	Walk to School Week
Wednesday 22 nd May	KS1 Sports Day at 1.30p.m. KS1 parents may attend.
Thursday 23 rd May	KS2 Sports Day at 1.30p.m. KS2 parents may attend.
Friday 24 th May	End of term. School closes at 3.15p.m.

June	
Monday 3rd June	Inset Day – school closed.
Tuesday 4th June	Start of Term
Wednesday 5 th June	KS1 Reserve Sports Day at 1.30p.m. KS1 parents may attend.
Thursday 6 th June	KS2 Reserve Sports Day at 1.30p.m. KS2 parents may attend.

Friday 7 th June	Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m.
Monday 10 th June	Year 1 Phonic tests commence
Wednesday 26 th June	F1 new pupils visits 1.30p.m.
Thursday 27 th June	Phonic meeting for F2 parents- Getting ready for Year 1 at 2.00p.m
Friday 28 th June	St Peter & St Paul's Mass in school at 11.00a.m. (F1 – Y6) All parents are welcome to attend the Mass

July	
Monday 1 st – Friday 5 th July	Year 6 School Journey
Wednesday 3 rd July	F1 visits and new parents meeting 1.30p.m.
Friday 5 th July	Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m.
Tuesday 9 th July	Year 5 Secondary School Transfer Meeting at 2.30p.m. (All Year 5 parents are welcome to attend)
Tuesday 9th & Wednesday 10th July	Year 5 Overnight trip to Phasel's Wood
Wednesday 10 th July	Foundation Stage Sports Day at 9.30a.m. F1 & F2 parents welcome to attend.
Wednesday 10 th July	Year 2 to Year 3 Transition Meeting at 2.30p.m. (All Year 2 parents are welcome to attend)
Thursday 11 th July	Secondary School Transition day New to F2 Parents' Meeting at 9.15a.m. (All F1 parents to attend).
Friday 12 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Mass Whole School Picnic starting at 12.30p.m.
Tuesday 16 th July	KS2 Dress Rehearsal at 9.30 a.m. KS2 parents and toddlers are welcome to attend.
Wednesday 17 th July	KS2 Play at 6.00p.m. KS2 parents are welcome to attend.
Thursday 18 th July	FS & KS1 Teddy Bear Picnic (Please bring a Teddy Bear)
Thursday 18 th July	Year 6 Barbecue at 1.30p.m.- 3.00pm. Year 6 parents welcome to attend. Foundation Stage Reserve Sports Day at 9.30a.m. F1 & F2 parents welcome to attend.
Friday 20th 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.