



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School
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27th March 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Holy Week!

Thought of the Week

As the children are not in school during Holy week, they have been thinking about and discussing the last week of Jesus' life through learning about: Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Holy Week Services at St Joseph's Church:

- Maundy Thursday Evening Mass at 7.30p.m.
- Good Friday: Stations of the Cross 2.30p.m.
- Passion of the Lord Children's Service at 2.30p.m. in the church hall
- Easter Vigil Holy Saturday at 7.30p.m.
- Easter Sunday Mass At 10.30a.m.

Easter Bonnets

The Easter Bonnet parade will start at 9.00a.m. on Thursday 29th March. We are asking for a £1 voluntary donation to enter. All proceeds raised will go towards our Lenten Appeal.

Nut Allergies!

May I just remind you all that nuts are not allowed in school because we have a few children who are allergic to them. This is a life threatening condition so could you please ensure your child's lunch or break time snack does not contain nuts or nut products e.g. peanut butter, nutella and cereal bars. Thank you.

Easter School Year 6

There will be an Easter school for all Year 6 pupils starting at 10a.m. until 2p.m. on Tuesday 3rd April and Wednesday 4th April. All **Year 6** children are welcome to attend.

St George's Non Uniform Day

On Monday, 23rd April, there will be a non-uniform day to celebrate St George's Day.

St George was a brave Roman soldier who protested against the Romans' torture of Christians and died for his beliefs. He is also the Patron Saint of England. The children can wear red, white or blue on this day. We are asking for £1 voluntary donation. All money raised will go towards our Library Appeal. Thank you.

Important Secondary School Transfer Information for all Year 5 parents.

Secondary School admissions opens in September 2018. Parents must complete the online form at www.hertsdirect.org/admissions and complete the Schools' Supplementary Form, which can be picked up during the Schools' Open evenings.

Please note, the application forms at all Catholic Secondary schools, requires a priest's signature. To help Father Stephen with this process, he has developed an 'envelope system' to track whether the children have attended mass each week. If you are currently



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not using the envelope system please contact the church. If you do not attend mass each week, Father Stephen will be unable to sign your forms.

If you are considering applying for a Secondary School place for your child at Parmiter's, St Clement Danes School, Croxley Danes, Rickmansworth, Queens, Watford Grammar School for Boys and Watford Grammar School for Girls, you will need to register with The South West Herts Consortium Schools between 30th April– 22nd June 2018 via the following: www.swhertsschools.org.uk. Your child will need to complete an admissions test.

All tests will be carried out in September, (please see table below).

Date - 2018	Test
Monday 30 th April	Online registration for the tests opens
Friday 22 nd June	Online registration closes
Wednesday 4 th July	Parents informed of test venue
Saturday 8 th September	Academic test
Thursday 13 th September	Music aptitude test
Friday 14 th September or Tuesday 18 th September*	Queens' School sports aptitude test
w/c Monday 24 th September	Start of second round music tests
Wednesday 17 th October	Scores notified to parents
Wednesday 31 st October	Secondary application deadline

Please contact any of the following Consortium schools if this information is unclear:

Parmiter's, Queens', Rickmansworth, St Clement Danes, Croxley Danes, Watford Grammar School for Boys and Watford Grammar School for Girls.

There will be a Secondary School transfer meeting for all Year 5 parents on Thursday 17th May starting at 2.30p.m. in school.

Important Notices

- School closes at 1.30p.m. on Thursday 29th March 2018.
- We have a number of children coming into school very early in the morning without a parent/carer being present. If your Key Stage 2 child arrives before 8.45a.m., they must be accompanied by an adult. Also, all Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 pupils must be accompanied by an adult until the children have entered the school, at the start of the day. Please ensure you do not leave the Key Stage 1 playground until you see that your child has entered the school building. Thank you
- The school offers a Breakfast Club starting at 8.00a.m. if required, the cost of this is £3.00 per day.

Attendance Award





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F2 have won the best attendance award for this week. Well done F2! Keep up the good effort!

Have a great Easter break.

Linda Payne
Headteacher

March	
Wednesday 28 th March	Lenten Toy Sale (F1 – Y6 classes)
Thursday 29th March	Easter Bonnet Parade (F1 – Y6 classes) 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.

April	
Tuesday 3 rd April	Easter School for Year 6
Wednesday 4 th April	Easter School for Year 6
Monday 16th April	Start of Term
Monday 23 rd April	St George's Non-Uniform Day (F1 – Y6 classes)
Friday 27 th April	Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m.

May	
Monday 7th May	May Day. School closed.
Tuesday 8 th – 25 th May	KS1 SATs- Year 2
Monday 14th – 17th May	KS2 SATs – Year 6 Tests
Thursday 17th May	Year 5 Parents- Secondary School Transfer Meeting
Friday 18 th May	Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m.
Monday 21st -25th May	Walk to School Week
Monday 21 st May	KS1 Sports Day at 1.30p.m. KS1 parents are welcome to attend.
Tuesday 22 nd May	KS2 Sports Day at 1.30p.m. KS2 parents are welcome to attend.
Friday 25 th May	End of term. School closes at 3.15p.m.
June	
Monday 4th June	Inset Day – school closed.
Tuesday 5th June	Start of Term
Wednesday 6 th June	KS1 Reserve Sports Day at 1.30p.m. KS1 parents are welcome to attend.
Thursday 7 th June	KS2 Reserve Sports Day at 1.30p.m. KS2 parents are welcome to attend.
Friday 8 th June	Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m.
Monday 11 th June	Year 1 Phonic tests commence
Thursday 21 st June	Phonic meeting for F2 parents - Getting ready for Year 1
Wednesday 27 th June	F1 new pupils visits
Friday 29 th June	St Peter & St Paul's Mass in school at 9.15a.m. (F2 – Y6 classes). All parents are welcome to attend.

July	
Monday 2 nd – Friday 6 th July	Year 6 School Journey
Thursday 5 th July	F1 new parents meeting
Tuesday 10 th & Wednesday 11 th July	Year 5 Overnight Trip to Phasel Wood (new date)
Wednesday 11 th July	Foundation Stage Sports Day at 9.30a.m. FS parents are welcome to attend.



Thursday 12 th July	Secondary School Transition day New F2 Parents' Meeting at 9.15a.m.
Friday 13 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Mass (F1 – Y6 classes) Whole School Picnic starting at 12.30p.m. (F1 – Y6) All parents are welcome to attend the Mass and picnic.
Monday 16 th July	KS2 Dress Rehearsal at 9.30 a.m. KS2 parents and toddlers are welcome to attend.
Tuesday 17 th July	KS2 Play at 6.00p.m KS2 parents are welcome to attend.
Wednesday 18 th July	Year 6 Barbecue at 1.30p.m. - 3.00pm. Foundation Stage Reserve Sports Day at 9.30a.m. FS parents are welcome to attend.
Thursday 19 th July	FS & KS1 Teddy Bear Picnic (Please bring a Teddy Bear) (F1 – Y2 classes)
Friday 20th July	Leavers' Assembly at 9.00 a.m. All parents are welcome to attend. End of term. School closes at 1.30p.m.