



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School
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30th March 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

Holy Week!

Thought of the Week

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

Holy Week Services at St Joseph's Church:

- Palm Sunday 10.30a.m.
- Maundy Thursday Evening Mass at 7.30p.m.
- Good Friday: Station of the Cross 9.15a.m.
- Passion of the Lord Service at 3.00p.m.
- Easter Vigil Holy Saturday at 7.00p.m.
- Easter Sunday Mass At 10.30a.m.

Easter Bonnets

The Easter Bonnet parade will start at 9.00a.m., tomorrow, Friday 31st 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 Monday 3rd April and Tuesday 4th April. All **Year 6** children are welcome to join us next week.

St George's Non Uniform Day: Friday 21st April

On Friday, 21st 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 new reading books. Thank you.

Important Secondary School Transfer Information for all Year 5 parents.

Secondary School admissions opens in September 2017. 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



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system' to track whether the children have attended mass each week. If you are currently 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, Bushey Meads School, 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 24th April–16th June 2017 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 - 2017	Test
Monday 24 th April	Online registration for the tests opens
Friday 16 th June	Online registration closes
Monday 3rd July	Parents informed of test venue
Saturday 9 th September	Academic test
Tuesday 12 th September	Music aptitude test
Friday 15 th September or Tuesday 19 th September*	Queens' School sports aptitude test
Saturday 23 rd September	Bushey Meads technology aptitude test
w/c Monday 25 th September	Start of second round music tests
Monday 16 th October	Scores notified to parents
Tuesday 31 st October	Secondary application deadline

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

Parmiter's, Queens', Rickmansworth, Bushey Meads, 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 Wednesday 17th May starting at 2.30p.m. in school.

Important Notices

- School closes at 1.30p.m. tomorrow.
- 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 enter the school, at the start of the day. The school offers a Breakfast Club starting at 8.00a.m. if required, the cost of this £3.00 per day.
- If you see other parents' children entering the school through the main gates, please do not tell the children to turn around and go to the Key Stage 1 playground. Thank you.





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Attendance Award

Year 3 have won the best attendance award for this week. Well done Year 3! Keep up the good effort!

Have a great Easter break.

Linda Payne
Headteacher

Dates for the diary

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
Wednesday 17th May Yr5 Secondary Transfer Meeting
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 Phonics 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.