



3rd November 2017

Dear Parents,

Thank you!



Harvest Assembly

The Harvest assembly was wonderful! The children sang, performed, danced and read beautifully whilst giving thanks to God for the Harvest! Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the impressive collection of food and toiletry products. All items were given to the Watford Food Bank Appeal. They were delighted with the items donated.

Fireworks Night

Please come along and share in our firework night celebrations tonight, Friday 3rd November. If you are available to help out either before, during or after the event, please contact Krysia via the school office. Gates open at 6.30p.m. See you all there!

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 6th November 2017. You will need to apply for:

A reception place in primary, infant or first school if your child was born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014

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 2018.

Parent Helpers

Do you have half an hour to spare during the school week? If you have some time on your hands and would like to volunteer with us, we would love to hear from you! This could be anything from half an hour to a whole morning/afternoon session, to support a teacher/class in school. We do ask for volunteers to be able to come on a regular basis. Volunteers are a huge asset to our school community and we are fortunate to have a number of parents and friends to support our work and the children's learning. There are a large number of ways in which volunteers support our work, from reading with individual children, playing phonics or Maths games with small groups, assisting with the Library and preparing and displaying work in classrooms and around the school -



something to suit everyone! If you think that you may be able to help us, please speak to Mrs Tannian (School Office).



Poppy Appeal

We are 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.



Attendance Award

Year 4, had the best attendance last week with 100%! Well done Year 4!

Important Notices

This morning, we had a very productive Parents Forum Meeting. The following ideas were discussed:

1. Residential Trips

Every year, our Year 6 pupils participate in a 5 day, School Journey to Wales which costs approximately £360 whilst, Year 5 attend an overnight trip to Phasels Wood which costs approximately £70. Hopefully, this information will give you all plenty of time to save up for these trips.

2. School Events/Traditions – additional information for new parents.

Please note the changes to the diary dates below. These changes are highlighted in pink and indicate which classes are involved and whether or not parents can attend these events.

Have a good week.

Mrs Linda. Payne

Diary Dates. Please note the changes to the diary dates.

November	
Friday 3 rd November	Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m. PTA Fireworks Night at 6.30p.m. (weather permitting) (volunteers needed) (All welcome to attend)
Thursday 9 th November	Year 5 Remembrance Mass at 2.00p.m. (Y5 parents welcome to attend).
Thursday 23 rd November	Year 4 Refugee Mass at 2.00p.m. (Y4 parents welcome to attend).
Friday 24 th November	PTA School Disco (volunteers needed) (F1 – Y6 classes)
Thursday 30 th November	St Andrew's Non Uniform day (F1 – Y6 classes) Year 6 Advent Mass at 2p.m.

December	
Friday 1 st December	Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m.
Monday 4th December	School Closed Inset Day (new date)
Wednesday 6 th December	KS 2 Choir singing at Watford Colosseum 7.15p.m. (Tickets for sale).
Thursday 7 th December	KS1 & Foundation Stage Play (dress rehearsal). Starts at 9.30a.m. KS1 & FS parents and toddlers are welcome to attend.
Friday 8 th December	KS1 & Foundation Stage Play. Starts at 9.30a.m. KS1 & FS parents are welcome to attend.
Thursday 14 th December	Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day (F2- Y6 classes)
Friday 15 th December	Foundation Stage Christmas Party
Monday 18 th December	KS2 Advent Service with Carols. Starts at 1.30p.m. (Y3- y6 classes). KS2 parents are welcome to attend.
Tuesday 19 th December	Whole School Trip Pantomime, Watersmeet Theatre (F1 – Y6 classes)
Wednesday 20th December	Mass in church 9.15a.m. (F2- Y6 classes) All parents are welcome to attend. End of term. School closes at 1.30p.m.

January 2018 Spring Term	
Thursday 4th January	Start of term
Friday 5 th January	Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m.

February	
Friday 2 nd February	Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m.
Monday 5 th February	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 7 th February	Parents' Evening
Friday 9th February	End of term. School closes at 3.15p.m.
Monday 19th February	Start of Term
March	
Thursday 1 st March	World Book Day – Book Character Non-Uniform day (F1 – Y6 classes). All parents are welcome to attend the World Book Day Assembly.
Friday 2 nd March	St David's Non-Uniform Day (F1 – Y6 classes) Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m.
Friday 16 th March	St Patrick's Non-Uniform Day (F1 – Y6 classes)
Monday 19 th March	St Joseph's Day Mass – date to be confirmed. (F2 – Y6 classes). All parents are welcome to attend.
Monday 26 th March	Lenten Cake Competition (F1 – Y6 classes)
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. 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

Friday 18 th May	Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m.
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
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.