



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School
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Dear Parents

Mary Our Mother!



This week, we have been learning about Mary, the Mother of God. This is a time when we seek to renew our friendship with Mary. Each day, the children will spend time raising their minds and hearts to Mary in prayer. During the month of October, children will be saying the rosary, daily.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Well done to Foundation 1 and Foundation 2 for raising £248.20 during their recent coffee morning. All proceeds raised have been donated to Macmillan Cancer Campaign. Thank you for your kind donations.



Pink Non School Uniform Day

On Friday 19th October, there will be a non-uniform day to raise money for Breast Cancer Research. Children may wear pink or red clothes. We are asking for a £1 voluntary contribution. Please do support this worthwhile cause.



Fireworks Night

Please come along and share in our firework night celebrations on Friday 9th November. If you are available to help on the night, please contact Krysia via the school office. Gates open at 6.30p.m. See you all there!

Open Door Policy

I hope your child is settling well into the new school year. Please remember that we have an open door policy. Therefore, if you would like to speak with a teacher, please arrange an appointment with them directly or through the school office.



Play Rangers

Three Rivers District Council are offering free play ranger activities for 5 -16 year olds. The children will play traditional games such as making dens, obstacle courses, rounders etc. Play Rangers will take place on Mondays at Oulton Way Play Area 4.00pm - 6.00pm & Fridays 1p.m.- 3p.m. There are also another two sessions at South Oxhey Playing Fields (Asburnham Drive entrance) on Mondays 1p.m.- 3p.m. and Fridays 4.00p.m. – 6.00p.m. For more information, please contact playrangers@threerivers.gov.uk.



Bikes/Scooters

It is great to see so many children cycling to school. However, many children are cycling to school without wearing a helmet. For safety reasons, please make sure your child wears a helmet when cycling to school.



Also, children are not allowed to cycle or scoot within the school grounds. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

Important Notices

1. Parentmail

I hope you are all receiving the school newsletter. If you do not receive the newsletter you can also download it from the school website: www.stjosephs775.herts.sch.uk or obtain a paper copy from the school office. Furthermore, a copy of the latest newsletter will be posted on the noticeboard at the main gate.

2. Breakfast Club

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- Breakfast club starts at 8.00a.m. Doors will not be opened until 8.00 a.m.

3. Before School

We have a number of children coming into school very early in the morning without a parent/carer being present. Please note, Key Stage 2 pupils are allowed on the school playgrounds by themselves at 8.40a.m. However, if your child arrives before 8.40a.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 whistle goes for the start of school at 8.50a.m. and your child has entered the school.

4. Dogs

Please may I remind you that dogs are **not** allowed anywhere on the school site. Thank you for your co-operation.

5. Important Secondary School Transfer Information

Secondary School admissions opened on 3rd September and the closing date for all applications is 31st October. Year 6 parents must complete the online form at www.hertsdirect.org/admissions and complete the School's Supplementary Form which can be picked up during the School's Open evenings.

Attendance Award

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

Have a great week.

Mrs Linda. Payne

Dates for the diary



October	
Tuesday 16 th October	Year 6 Trip. One World Festival at St Michael's
Friday 19 th October	Pink Non Uniform Day to support Breast Cancer Appeal (Children may wear pink).
Monday 22 nd October	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 24 th October	Parents' Evening
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.

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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

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 1st 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 7th 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 8th 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.

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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 1st – 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.