



**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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://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 31<sup>st</sup> October. Year 6 parents must complete the online form at [www.hertsdirect.org/admissions](http://www.hertsdirect.org/admissions) and complete the School's Supplementary Form which can be picked up during the School's Open evenings.

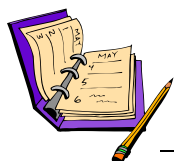
### Attendance Award

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

Have a great week.

Mrs Linda. Payne

### Dates for the diary



<b>October</b>	
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 6 Trip. One World Festival at St Michael's
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Pink Non Uniform Day to support Breast Cancer Appeal (Children may wear pink).
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' Evening
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Assembly (F1 – Y6) All parents are welcome to attend the Mass End of term. School closes at 3.15p.m.

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

<b>December</b>	
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Choir singing at Watford Colosseum 7.15pm Parents are welcome to attend. Tickets must be purchased from Watford Colosseum.
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m.

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Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Last swimming for Year 3 and Year 4
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 & Foundation Stage Play (dress rehearsal- parents and toddlers welcome). Starts at 9.30a.m
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 & Foundation Stage Play. Starts at 9.30a.m. All parents welcome to attend.
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Advent Service with Carols. Starts at 1.30p.m.
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day (children may wear a Christmas jumper/teeshirt).
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Christmas Quiz & Foundation Stage Party
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Trip Pantomime, Watersmeet Theatre
<b>Friday 21st December</b>	Mass in church 9.15a.m. <b>End of term. School closes at 1.30p.m. (F1 – Y6) All parents are welcome to attend the Mass</b>

<b>January 2019 Spring Term</b>	
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Start of term</b>
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m.
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	Swimming starts for Year 3 and Year 5

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

<b>April</b>	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Lenten Cake Competition (all children may enter by baking a cake).
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Lenten Toy Sale (please donate old toys).
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April</b>	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. <b>End of term. School closes at 1.30p.m.</b>
Monday 8th April	Easter School for Year 6
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter School for Year 6
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	<b>Start of Term</b>
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	St George's Non-Uniform Day (Children may wear red, white or blue). Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m.

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

<b>June</b>	
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	<b>Inset Day – school closed.</b>
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Start of Term</b>
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	KS1 Reserve Sports Day at 1.30p.m. <b>KS1 parents may attend.</b>
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	KS2 Reserve Sports Day at 1.30p.m. <b>KS2 parents may attend.</b>
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m.
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Phonic tests commence
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	F1 new pupils visits 1.30p.m.
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Phonic meeting for F2 parents- Getting ready for Year 1 at 2.00p.m
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>St Peter &amp; St Paul's Mass in school at 11.00a.m. (F1 – Y6) All parents are welcome to attend the Mass</b>

<b>July</b>	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> – Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 School Journey
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	F1 visits and new parents meeting 1.30p.m.
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m.
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5 Secondary School Transfer Meeting at 2.30p.m. <b>(All Year 5 parents are welcome to attend)</b>
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> &amp; Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Year 5 Overnight trip to Phasel's Wood</b>
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Foundation Stage Sports Day at 9.30a.m. <b>F1 &amp; F2 parents welcome to attend.</b>
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2 to Year 3 Transition Meeting at 2.30p.m. <b>(All Year 2 parents are welcome to attend)</b>
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Secondary School Transition day New to F2 Parents' Meeting at 9.15a.m. <b>(All F1 parents to attend).</b>
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers' Mass Whole School Picnic starting at 12.30p.m.
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Dress Rehearsal at 9.30 a.m. <b>KS2 parents and toddlers are welcome to attend.</b>
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Play at 6.00p.m <b>KS2 parents are welcome to attend.</b>
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	FS & KS1 Teddy Bear Picnic (Please bring a Teddy Bear)
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Barbecue at 1.30p.m.- 3.00pm. <b>Year 6 parents welcome to attend.</b> Foundation Stage Reserve Sports Day at 9.30a.m. <b>F1 &amp; F2 parents welcome to attend.</b>
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Leavers' Assembly at 9.00 a.m. (F1 – Y6) All parents are welcome to attend the Mass</b> <b>End of term. School closes at 1.30p.m.</b>