

6<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Dear Parents



**Democracy!**

At St Joseph's Catholic Primary School we believe in celebrating the increasingly diverse cultural backgrounds of our community, whilst also promoting and holding true to what we recognise to be British Values.

Democracy is at the heart of our values. This week, the children have been following Christ's teachings by making decisions about their learning and behaviour towards each other.

Pupils are taught to listen carefully, with concern for each other, respecting the right of every individual to have their opinions and voices heard. Over the past few weeks, pupils were given the opportunity to vote for the House Captains and School Council members. The elections of the School Council members and House Captains are based solely on pupil votes, reflecting our British electoral system and demonstrating democracy in action.

The pupils will then be given the opportunity to air their opinions and ideas through our School Council and regular questionnaires.

### **Macmillan Foundation Stage Coffee Morning**

Well done to Foundation 1 and Foundation 2 for raising £258.55 during their recent coffee morning. All proceeds raised have been donated to Macmillan Cancer Campaign. Thank you for your kind donations.



### **Healthy Lunches!**

Thank you to all the parents that have made a great effort in providing their child with a healthy lunch. May I just remind you all, that **sweets, crisps** and **fizzy drinks** are not allowed in school. However, the children may have a small treat in their lunch boxes such as a biscuit or chocolate bar. Fruit, dry fruit, water and juice are also allowed at playtime.



### **Nut Allergies!**

May I just remind you all that nuts are not allowed in school because we have a few children with nut allergies. This is a life threatening condition so 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.



### **Pink Non School Uniform Day**

On Friday 13<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.



### **Important Notices**

1. Breakfast club starts at 8.00a.m. Doors will not be opened until 8.00 a.m. as the staff are busy, preparing the breakfast.
2. From next week, Foundation Stage children will now have to come into school by themselves so it will be greatly appreciated if you could say your goodbyes in the playground and let the children enter school by themselves. Thank you for your help in teaching the children to be independent learners.
3. No dogs are allowed on the school site, at any time.
4. Please ensure your child does not arrive at school any earlier than 8.40a.m unless they are attending Breakfast Club or Cheerleading Club.
5. Please do not pick up children other than your own, without parental permission.
6. Finally, it is lovely to see so many families catching up, chatting with one another after school. However, please ensure you vacate the school premises by 3.30p.m. as the

caretaker has a number of important health and safety checks to carry out. Therefore, the playground needs to be vacated as soon as possible! Thank you.

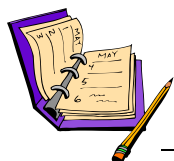
### Attendance Award

Year 5, had the best attendance last week with 100%! Fantastic Year 5!

Have a great week.

Mrs Linda. Payne

### Dates for the diary



<b>October</b>	
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Foundation 2 Phonics Meeting at 2.30p.m. & 6p.m.
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Pink Non Uniform Day to support Breast Cancer Appeal
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 6 Trip. One World Festival at St Michael's
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' Evening
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Assembly End of term. School closes at 3.15p.m.
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Inset Day – School Closed</b>
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Start of term</b>

<b>November</b>	
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	All Saints Day Mass at 9.15a.m.
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m. PTA Fireworks Night at 6.30p.m. (weather permitting)
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 Remembrance Mass at 2.00p.m.
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Year 4 Refugee Mass at 2.00p.m.
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	PTA School Disco
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	St Andrew's Non Uniform day Year 6 Advent Mass at 2p.m.

<b>December</b>	
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m.
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Choir singing at Watford Colosseum 7.15pm
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 & Foundation Stage Play (dress rehearsal). Starts at 9.30a.m
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 & Foundation Stage Play. Starts at 9.30a.m
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Foundation Stage Christmas Party
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Advent Service with Carols. Starts at 1.30p.m.
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Trip Pantomime, Watersmeet Theatre
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Mass in church 9.15a.m. <b>End of term. School closes at 1.30p.m.</b>

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

<b>February</b>	
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m.
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents' Evening
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>End of term. School closes at 3.15p.m.</b>
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Start of Term</b>
<b>March</b>	

Thursday 1st March	World Book Day – Book Character Non-Uniform day
Friday 2nd March	St David's Non-Uniform Day Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m.
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	St Patrick's Non-Uniform Day
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	St Joseph's Day Mass – <b>date to be confirmed.</b>
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Lenten Cake Competition
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Lenten Toy Sale
<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Easter Bonnet Parade <b>End of term. School closes at 1.30p.m.</b>

<b>April</b>	
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Easter School for Year 6
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter School for Year 6
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Start of Term</b>
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	St George's Non-Uniform Day
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m.

May	
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>May Day. School closed.</b>
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> May	KS1 SATs- Year 2
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>KS2 SATs – Year 6 Tests</b>
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m.
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	KS1 Sports Day at 1.30p.m.
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	KS2 Sports Day at 1.30p.m.
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>End of term. School closes at 3.15p.m.</b>

<b>June</b>	
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Inset Day – school closed.</b>
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Start of Term</b>
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	KS1 Reserve Sports Day at 1.30p.m.
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	KS2 Reserve Sports Day at 1.30p.m.
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m.
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Phonic tests commence
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Phonic meeting for F2 parents - Getting ready for Year 1
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	F1 new pupils visits
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>St Peter &amp; St Paul's Mass in school at 9.15a.m.</b>

<b>July</b>	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 School Journey
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	F1 new parents meeting
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Foundation Stage Sports Day at 9.30a.m.
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Secondary School Transition day New F2 Parents' Meeting at 9.15a.m.
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers' Mass Whole School Picnic starting at 12.30p.m.
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Dress Rehearsal at 9.30 a.m.
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Play at 6.00p.m
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Barbecue at 1.30p.m.- 3.00pm. Foundation Stage Reserve Sports Day at 9.30a.m.
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	FS & KS1 Teddy Bear Picnic (Please bring a Teddy Bear)
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Leavers' Assembly at 9.00 a.m. <b>End of term. School closes at 1.30p.m.</b>