



7<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Dear Parents,



November is a time for remembering and praying for our loved ones who have passed away. We also remember the soldiers who fought bravely and lost their lives during the wars. Every year the school community unites to make sure that no-one is forgotten and to remember and honour those who have sacrificed themselves to secure and protect our freedom.

### **Fireworks Night**

Please come along and share in our firework night celebrations on Friday 8th November. If you are available to help, please contact Krysia via the school office. Gates open at 6.30p.m. Tickets are available from the school office. 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 opened on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019. You will need to apply for a school place if your child was born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016

Please ensure you complete the **Hertfordshire on-line form at:**

**(<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/school-admissions/primary-junior-and-middle-schools/primary-junior-and-middle-school-places.aspx>)**.

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.

You will also need to complete the **School's Supplementary Information Form** which is obtainable from the school office or the school's website. A **Certificate of Catholic Practice** is also required which you can get 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, the following documents are required:

1. Supplementary Information Form
2. Certificate of Catholic Practice (if applicable)
3. 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 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

### **Parents & Teachers Association (PTA) Christmas Present Appeal**

If you have any unwanted gifts/toiletries please send them into school for our Christmas shop. During the month of December, the children will have the chance to visit the Christmas shop and buy a gift for their parents at a small cost. All money raised will go towards our new library. We will require volunteers to help wrap up presents; therefore, if you are available to help at any point during the month of December, please contact the school office.

## Poppy Appeal



We will be 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.

## Snow Procedures

It may snow at some point this term. Therefore, I would just like to remind all parents of the bad weather procedures.

If in the unlikely event the school needs to be closed, please follow any of the procedures listed below:

1. Firstly, a text message will be sent to you via Parent Mail. Please ensure the school office has your correct mobile number.
2. Check the school website after 7.35a.m. to see if the school is closed or opening at a later time [www.stjosephs775.herts.sch.uk](http://www.stjosephs775.herts.sch.uk).
3. Check our twitter feed @stjosephs775
4. Contact the school office after 7.45a.m. and listen to the answer machine message.
5. Listen to the local radio stations which will provide updated information on school closures.
6. Register with Everbridge School Closure Notification System following at the following website:<https://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736725489>

This link will direct you to the 'Sign Up' page. Click on the 'sign up' button located at the top right hand side of the page on the grey strip. From there, follow the instructions. It should take no more than five minutes to register. You can add two devices so you may want to include the mobile number and email address of a spouse or grandparent. They too would then receive any messages in relation to our school's closure. Alternatively, other people can register themselves separately.

Please note: this messaging system only applies to notifications of school emergency closure and does not in any way replace our usual Parentmail messaging system. However, please note the Parentmail system can be delayed during busy periods such as snow days.

If you require any assistance in signing up, please contact us.

## **Important Notices**

### **1. School Closed**

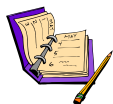
The school will be closed on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Attendance Award**

Year 6, had the best attendance last week .Well done Year 6!

**Mrs L. Payne**





## Dates for the diary

<b>November</b>	
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 Remembrance Mass at 2.00p.m. Year 5 parents are welcome to attend.
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m. PTA Fireworks Night at 6.30p.m. (weather permitting)
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 Hudnell Park – School Trip (New Date)
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Year 4 Refugee Mass at 2.00p.m. Year 4 parents are welcome to attend.
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 Advent Mass at 2.00p.m. Year 6 parents are welcome to attend.
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	St Andrew's Non Uniform day (children may wear blue white or tartan). PTA School Disco (information to follow).
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Occasional Day – School Closed</b>

<b>December</b>	
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Choir singing at Watford Colosseum 7.15pm Parents are welcome to attend. Tickets must be purchased from Watford Colosseum.
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m.
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Last swimming for Year 3 and Year 4
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 & Foundation Stage Play (dress rehearsal- parents and toddlers welcome). Starts at 9.30a.m
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 & Foundation Stage Play. Starts at 9.30a.m. All parents welcome to attend.
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Trip Pantomime, Watford Palace Theatre
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Advent Service with Carols. Starts at 1.30p.m.
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day (children may wear a Christmas jumper/teeshirt).
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Christmas Quiz & Foundation Stage Party
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 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>23<sup>rd</sup> December – 3<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	Christmas Holiday – School Closed

<b>January 2020 Spring Term</b>	
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Start of term</b>
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m.
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	Swimming starts for Year 3 and Year 5

<b>February</b>	
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Maths meeting for F1 & F2 parents. Starts at 2.30pm or 6.00p.m.
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m.
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents' Evening
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>End of term. School closes at 3.15p.m.</b>
<b>17<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> February</b>	<b>Half Term holiday – School Closed</b>
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Start of Term</b>
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Ash Wednesday Mass starts at 9.15a.m. (F1 – Y6) All parents are welcome to attend the Mass
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	St David's Non-Uniform Day (Children may wear green, red, white or yellow). Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m.

<b>March</b>	
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> 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 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Forum
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	St Patrick's Non-Uniform Day (Children may wear green or white).
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	St Joseph's Day Mass – <b>date to be confirmed.</b>
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Mother's day Class Assembly starts at 9.00a.m. All F1 – F2 mothers/carers welcome to attend.
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Last swimming for Year 3 and Year 5
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Lenten Cake Competition (all children may enter by baking a cake). Cake sale.

<b>April</b>	
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Lenten Toy Sale (please donate old toys).
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	Easter Bonnet Parade (F1 – Y6 classes) (F1-Y6) All parents welcome to attend the Easter Bonnet Parade. Children to make the bonnets at home and bring them into school. All children may participate in this event. <b>End of term. School closes at 1.30p.m.</b>
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter School for Year 6
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter School for Year 6
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Start of Term</b>
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	St George's Non-Uniform Day (Children may wear red, white or blue).
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Swimming starts for Year 3 and Year 6

<b>May</b>	
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>Parents' Forum</b>
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Bank Holiday. School closed.</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	KS1 SATs- Year 2
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<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 11<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>KS 2 Spelling, punctuation and Grammar Paper 1 &amp; 2 tests</b>
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>KS2 Reading Test</b>
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>KS2 Maths Paper 1 &amp; 2 Test</b>
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>KS2 Maths Paper 3 Test</b>
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Walk to School Week
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	KS1 Sports Day at 9.30a.m. KS1 parents may attend.
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 Sports Day at 1.15p.m. KS2 parents may attend.
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Year 5 Secondary School Transfer Meeting at 2.30p.m. (All Year 5 parents are welcome to attend)
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	<b>End of term. School closes at 3.15p.m.</b>
25 <sup>th</sup> May – 1 <sup>st</sup> June	<b>Half Term Holiday – School Closed</b>

<b>June</b>	
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June</b>	<b>Inset Day – school closed.</b>
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	<b>Start of Term</b>
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	KS1 Reserve Sports Day at 9.30p.m. KS1 parents may attend.
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	KS2 Reserve Sports Day at 1.15p.m. KS2 parents may attend.
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m.
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Phonic tests commence Year 4 Multiplication tests commence
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	F1 new pupils visits 1.30p.m.
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Phonic meeting for F2 parents- Getting ready for Year 1 at 2.00p.m
Friday 26 <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>
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June – 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Year 6 School Journey

<b>July</b>	
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	F1 visits and new parents meeting 1.30p.m.
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Foundation Stage Sports Day at 9.30a.m. <b>F1 &amp; F2 parents welcome to attend.</b>
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m.
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	<b>Final Year 3 swim – double session</b>
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Reserve date: Foundation Stage Sports Day at 9.30a.m. <b>F1 &amp; F2 parents welcome to attend.</b>
Wednesday 8 <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 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Secondary School Transition day New to F2 Parents' Meeting at 9.15a.m. <b>(Current F1 parents to attend).</b>
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers' Mass Whole School Picnic starting at 12.30p.m. (weather permitting)
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	FS & KS1 Teddy Bear Picnic (Please bring a Teddy Bear)
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Final Year 6 swim – double session</b>
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Dress Rehearsal at 9.30 a.m. <b>KS2 parents and toddlers are welcome to attend.</b>
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Barbecue at 1.30p.m.- 3.00pm. <b>Year 6 parents welcome to attend.</b> Parents to bring party food please.
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Play at 6.00p.m <b>KS2 parents are welcome to attend.</b>
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Leavers' Assembly at 9.00 a.m. <b>(F1 – Y6) All parents are welcome to attend the Mass</b> <b>End of term. School closes at 1.30p.m.</b>