



7th October 2016

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.



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 and on Fridays at South Oxhey Playing Fields WD19 7PS (off Bramshot Way) 4.00p.m. – 6.00p.m. For more information, please contact playrangers@threerivers.gov.uk.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Well done to Foundation 1 and Foundation 2 for raising £480 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 14th 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.



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.



Fireworks Night

Please come along and share in our firework night celebrations on Friday 4th 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.

Year 2 Meeting

There will be meeting for all Year 2 parents on Monday 10th October starting at 2.30p.m. to discuss the Year 2 curriculum.

Ice Lolly Sale

Thank you for supporting our recent ice lolly sale. I am delighted to say your money has bought Foundation 2 a new reading corner. As you can see from the photograph, the children love the new reading area. Thank you to Mrs Walsh, Mrs O'Brien and Mr Mitchell for their help buying and selling the ice lollies.

Important Notices

1. Parentmail

I understand that a number of parents have not been receiving Parentmails. 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. Finally, a copy of the latest newsletter will be posted on the noticeboard at the main gate.

2. Breakfast Club

- Breakfast club starts at 8.00a.m.
- Doors will not be opened until 8.00 a.m. as the busy staff are preparing the breakfast.

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.

4. Dogs

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

Attendance Award

Foundation 2 had the best attendance last week with 100%. Well done F2.

Have a great week.

Mrs Linda. Payne

Dates for the diary

Monday 10th October

Friday 14th October

Monday 17th October

Wednesday 19th October

Friday 21st October

Friday 21st October

Monday 31st October

Friday 4th November

Friday 4th November

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Thursday 10th November

Thursday 24th November

Friday 25th November

Wednesday 30th November

Thursday 1st December

Year 2 Meeting at 2.30pm

Pink Non Uniform Day to support Breast Cancer Appeal

Parents' Evening

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Harvest Assembly at 9.05a.m.

End of term. School closes at 3.15p.m.

Start of term

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PTA Fireworks Night at 6.30p.m.

Parents' Forum at 9.45 a.m.

Year 5 Class Mass. Starts at 2.00p.m.

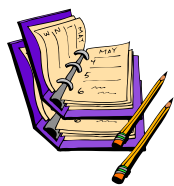
Year 4 Class Mass. Starts at 2.00p.m.

PTA Disco

St Andrew's Non Uniform day

Year 6 Class Mass. Starts at 2.00p.m.

Love and Learn in the footsteps of Christ!



Thursday 1st December
Friday 2nd December

New F1 pupils visit to the school
Parents' Forum at 9.45 a.m.

Thursday 8th December
Thursday 8th December
Friday 9th December

KS1 Play - dress rehearsal. Starts at 9.30a.m
1.30p.m New F1 Parents meeting (January intake only)
KS1 Play. Starts at 9.30a.m.

Monday 12th December
Wednesday 14th December
Thursday 15th December
Friday 16th December

Choir singing at Watford Colosseum 7.15pm
Christmas Dinner & **Christmas Jumper Day (New date)**
KS2 Advent Service with Carols. Starts at 1.30p.m.
Foundation Stage & KS1 Pantomime, Watersmeet Theatre

Monday 19th December
Wednesday 21st December
Wednesday 21st December

Key Stage 2 Pantomime at Watersmeet Theatre
Mass in church 9.15a.m.
End of term. School closes at 1.30p.m.



Spring Term 2017

Thursday 5th January
Friday 6th January
Thursday 26th January

Start of term
Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m.
Welcome Mass (for new F1 January intake) starts at 9.30a.m.
Parents' Forum at 9.45 a.m.

Friday 3rd February

Monday 6th February
Wednesday 8th February
Friday 10th February
13th – 17th February

Parents' Evening
Parents' Evening
End of term. School closes at 3.15p.m.
Half term break

Monday 20th February

Start of term

Wednesday 1st March
Thursday 2nd March
Friday 3rd March
Friday 17th March

Ash Wednesday Service at church
World Book Day – Book Character Non Uniform day
St David's Non-Uniform Day
St Patrick's Non-Uniform Day
St Joseph's Day Mass – date to be confirmed.

Thursday 24th March
Monday 27th March
Thursday 30th March
Friday 31st March
Friday 31st March
Monday 3rd April
Tuesday 4th April

Lenten Toy Sale
Lenten Cake Competition
Mass in School
Easter Bonnet Parade
End of term. School closes at 1.30p.m.
Easter School for Year 6
Easter School for Year 6



Summer Term 2017

Tuesday 18th April
Friday 21st April
Friday 21st April

Start of term
St George's Non-Uniform Day
Parents' Forum at 9.45 a.m.

Monday 1st May
Monday 8th- 12th May
Monday 15th – 26th May
Friday 19th May
Monday 22nd May
Tuesday 23rd May
Friday 26th May
29th May – 2nd June

May Day. School closed.
KS2 SATs – Year 6 Tests
KS1 SATs- Year 2
Parents' Forum at 9.45 a.m.
KS1 Sports Day at 1.30p.m.
KS2 Sports Day at 1.30p.m.
End of half term. School closes at 3.15p.m.
Half term break

Monday 5th June
Tuesday 6th June
Tuesday 6th June
Wednesday 7th June

School Closed – Inset day
Start of term
KS1 Reserve Sports Day
KS2 Reserve Sports Day

Monday 12th June
Wednesday 21st June
Friday 23rd June
Monday 26th – 30th June
Wednesday 28th June

Year 1 Phonic tests commence
Phonic meeting for F2 parents- Getting ready for Year 1
Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m
Year 6 School Journey
F1 new pupils visits

Thursday 6th July
Wednesday 5th July
Friday 7th July

F1 new parents meeting
Foundation Stage Sports Day
Parents' Forum at 9.45 a.m.

Love and Learn in the footsteps of Christ!

Wednesday 12th July
Thursday 13th July

Foundation Stage Reserve Sports Day
Transition day

Friday 14th July

Year 6 Leavers' Mass

Monday 17th July
Tuesday 18th July

KS2 Dress Rehearsal at 9.30 a.m.
KS2 Play at 6.00p.m

Wednesday 19th July
Wednesday 19th July

FS & KS1 Teddy Bear Picnic (Please bring a Teddy Bear)
Year 6 Barbecue



Thursday 20th July

Leavers' Assembly at 9.00 a.m.
End of term. School closes at 1.30p.m.