



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School
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9th May 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,



Thought of the Week

This week, we are continuing to learn 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 May, children are invited to attend rosary meditation in the Prayer Room during playtimes.



Year 6 SATs 13th - 16th May

From the 13th to 16th May, the Year 6 pupils will take their SATs exams. They have worked very hard all year and I wish them luck with their tests. During the week of the tests, there will be a free Breakfast Club for Year 6 pupils starting at 8.00a.m. All Year 6 pupils are welcome!



FA Cup Final 2019

To celebrate Watford Football Club getting through to the F.A. Cup final, there will be a non-uniform day on Friday 17th May. The children may wear their Watford football kits or Watford colours (yellow, red or black). We are asking for a £1 voluntary contribution. All funds raised will buy new footballs.

Watford Football Club Community Trust will be in school all day, teaching the children new football skills. Let's hope Watford wins the FA cup.



Sports Days

Key Stage 1 Sports Day will be held on Wednesday 22nd May at 1.30p.m. and Key Stage 2 Sports Day will be held on Thursday 23rd May at 1.30p.m. Please ensure your child has the correct P.E. kit.

Foundation Stage Sports Day will be held on Wednesday 10th July at 9.30.a.m. (Weather permitting!)

All parents/relatives are welcome to come along and support their children.



Attendance

Thank you very much for helping to improve our school attendance figures. Our attendance is slightly better this year than last year. May I just remind you all that holidays during term time are unauthorised. Therefore, please do not book any holidays during term time. I do not like administering Penalty Notices and I do not get any pleasure from having to fine parents for taking their children on holiday but unfortunately my hands are tied. Therefore, if your child misses 7½ days from school you will receive a fine. To reiterate, all holidays during term time are not permitted and will be classed as unauthorised. Please note, if a pupil has 15 unauthorised sessions (half day= 1 session) in a term (including unauthorised holidays), a Penalty Notice will be issued. The Penalty Notice is £60 (per parent/per child). Thank you for your co-operation and support.

Important Notices

Secondary School Transfer Meeting

There will be a meeting for all Year 5 parents on Tuesday 21st May starting at 2.45p.m. If you are unable to make the meeting, please contact the school office.



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Breakfast Club

Please note, Breakfast Club starts at 8.00a.m. Please ensure your child does not arrive before 8.00a.m. From September, our breakfast club fees will be increasing to £3.50 per day. Thank you.



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.

Attendance Award

This week, Year 2 have won the best attendance award. Well done Year 2.

Have a great week.

Linda Payne
Headteacher

Diary Dates

May	
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
Tuesday 21 st May	Year 5 Secondary School Transfer Meeting at 2.30p.m. (All Year 5 parents are welcome to attend)
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



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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 & Wednesday 10 th 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 19 th 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.