



November 2016

Dear Parents

DIARY OF EVENTS – AUTUMN 2016

NOVEMBER 2016	
Tuesday 1 st	9.15 am – Holy Day of Obligation Mass – Feast of All Saints in church – parents invited 'The Power of One' anti-bullying drama
Wednesday 2 nd	E-Safety training for children 'CHEOPS'
Thursday 3 rd	Junior Road Safety Officers meeting with Sally Barrett, Bexley Co-ordinator
Friday 4 th	Last day for Love in a Box
Tuesday 8 th	am Dental Screening – Year 1 pupils
Wednesday 9 th	Open Morning for prospective parents 9.15 am presentation followed by a guided tour
Thursday 10 th	9.15 am - Year 5 Class Assembly – parents invited Year 3 'Animal Days' – a workshop in school
Friday 11 th	11.00 am – 2 minutes silence for Remembrance Day After School Discos organised by the PTA: - 5.00 pm – 6.00 pm - Infants - 6.30 pm – 8.00 pm – Juniors
Monday 14 th	Anti-Bullying Week
Thursday 17 th	9.15 am – Year 6 Class Assembly – parents invited
Friday 25 th	Children wear own clothes – bring a bottle for St Mary of the Crays Christmas Bazaar am – Junior Road Safety Officers at Awards Ceremony
Saturday 26 th	St Mary of the Crays Christmas Bazaar
Monday 28 th	Able Maths Day – selected Year 6 children
Wednesday 30 th	Club clothes – St Andrew 7.00 pm – PTA Meeting
DECEMBER 2016	
Friday 2 nd	9.15 am – Year 3 and Year 4 Class Mass in church – parents invited am – Year R Library visit
Tuesday 6 th	11.15 am - Year 5 to sing at Wolsley House for the Alzheimer's Society
Wednesday 7 th	3.30 pm – 6.30 pm - Open Evening – appointments to be sent nearer the time
Thursday 8 th	3.30 pm – 6.30 pm - Open Evening – appointments to be sent nearer the time
Monday 12 th	2.30 pm – Infant Nativity – Years R, 1 and 2 – parent invited – ticket only event – look out for information nearer the time
Wednesday 14 th	Christmas Party Day! Children to wear own clothes (sensible clothing as children will go out to play) Father Christmas will be visiting followed by Christmas Dinner and Disco

Friday 16 th	am - CRIBS Assembly/Play – children only
Monday 19 th	9.30 am - Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 Christmas Carol Service – parents invited
Tuesday 20 th	Last day of term
Christmas Holidays Wednesday 21st December 2016 – Monday 2nd January 2017 (children return on Wednesday 4th January 2017)	
JANUARY 2017	
Tuesday 3 rd	INSET day – school closed for children
Wednesday 4 th	Children return to school
Thursday 12 th	CRIBs working with pupils on special RE lessons 9.15 am – Year 6 Class Assembly – parents invited
Friday 13 th	Year 4 trip – Sea Life Centre, London
Wednesday 18 th	1.30 pm – E-safety workshop for parents. (Things you should be aware of to keep children safe with technology). 7.00 pm – E-safety workshop – repeat of above
Thursday 19 th	9.15 am – Year 5 Class Assembly – parents invited
Thursday 26 th	9.15 am – Year 2 Class Assembly – parents invited
Friday 27 th	9.00 am – Head's Coffee Morning



Details of all our regular school clubs are detailed below

Day	Club	Dates and Times
Mondays	Pro Futures Football Club Years 3, 4 and 5	3.15 – 4.30 pm 12 th September – 12 th December
	Orchestra	3.15 – 4.15 pm 19 th September – 12 th December
Thursdays	Pro Futures Football Club Years 1 and 2	3.15 – 4.30 pm 15 th September – 15 th December
	Maths Whizz	3.15 – 4.15 pm 22 nd September – 15 th December
	Choir	12.45 pm – 1.15 pm 15 th September – end of term
Fridays	Gardening Club	12.15 – 1.15 pm every Friday (weather permitting)
	Pro Futures Football Club Years 6	3.15 – 4.20 pm 16 th September – 16 th December
	Netball Club Years 5 and 6	3.15 – 4.15 pm 16 th September – 16 th December

Smiley Ark Breakfast Club – 7.30 am – 8.45 am – Monday - Friday
 After School Club – 3.15 pm – 6.00 pm – Monday - Friday

For further details please contact Susan Ikpefuran on 07956 263531 or e-mail kids@smileyark.com



NEWSLETTER

Buildings/Wall Update

As you are aware the infant playground/church boundary wall is being rebuilt. The builders have given an approximate completion date of the end of November.



The school office is open as usual. Drop off for all children is via the side gate and pick up for the infants and train is via the side gate from the junior playground. Apologies for any inconvenience caused, but it will be worth it!

New Parent Governor

Mr Bain who has a daughter in Year 4 is our new parent governor. Mr Bain will sit on the governing body and help with the strategic leadership of the school. Mr Bain will have particular responsibility for analysing school data.

The governors and I would like to thank Mr Abana who has served as a governor for 4 years supporting the school with his expertise and advice.



Children's Disco – Friday 11th November 2016

The PTA have organised an autumn term disco for the children. The infant disco will take place in the school hall between 5.00 pm and 6.00 pm and the junior disco will take place between 6.30 pm and 8.00 pm. Please send money in an envelope clearly marked PTA Disco with your child's name and class, via your child's bookbag. The PTA will arrange for your tickets to be sent home by pupil post. Tickets cost £3.00 each.



Primary Admissions 2017

If your child was born between 1st September 2012 and 31st August 2013 they will be due to start school in September 2017. In order to apply for a place at St Joseph's the following two forms need to be completed.



1. The Bexley Common Application Form (CAF) – needs to be completed on-line at www.eadmissions.org.uk or is available from the Bexley Council website on www.bexley.gov.uk/admissions
2. Supplementary Admission Form – paper copies are available from the school office or downloaded from our school website www.stjosephcrayford.org.uk

The Supplementary Form must be returned to St Joseph's.

The deadline for completion of the forms is 15th January 2017.

School Open Morning – Reception September 2017 Intake

The school will hold an information and Open Morning on Wednesday 9th November 2016. A 9.15 am presentation by the Head Teacher will be followed by a guided tour of the school. Please remind friends and neighbours to put this date in their diary.



Consultation – Admission Criteria Arrangements for Academic Year 2018-2019

Please be advised the Governing Body are proposing to make some small changes to the school admission criteria. In particular, I would draw your attention to (1) the removal of preference given to churches who are registered as 'Churches Together in England' the preference will be for any recognised church group. (The Churches Together Authority explicitly states that their list of members should not be used for admission purposes).

If you would like to read the full admissions criteria, including changes please go to the school website or request a paper copy from the school office. The consultation period closes on the 31st December 2016.

Poppies – Supporting the Royal British Legion

These are on sale until the 11th November 2016 in class. Children may bring in some change in order to make a donation.



Love in a Box

Just a reminder, that the last date for Love in a Box donations is Friday 4th November 2016. Thank you in advance for your support and generosity.

PTA News

The PTA recently held their Annual General Meeting.

- Mrs Hadley was elected as Chair
- Mrs Roze was elected as Treasurer
- Mr Price was re-elected and Mrs Short elected as joint Secretary



The school would like to thank Mrs Spinks and Mrs Beard who have worked very hard to support St Joseph's. The PTA under their stewardship continued to thrive and offer exciting experiences for our children and financial support for the school.

Own Clothes Day – Friday 25th November 2016



Children will be allowed to wear their own clothes if they bring a bottle to support the Church Bazaar. The bottle could be wine, fizzy drink or even shampoo. Also, Mrs Adams, one of our Teaching Assistants, is collecting small wrapped gifts for the Lucky Dip stall. Any donations would be most appreciated. Please put the date in your diary. The Bazaar is on Saturday 26th November 2016, 12.00 pm – 4.00 pm.

School Dinners

The cost for the school dinners for the second half of the autumn term is £85.10 or £11.50 per week payable on a Monday.



School Photographs - FYI

The school photographs are timetabled for the spring term.

Open Evenings – Wednesday 7th/Thursday 8th December 2016

Letters will be sent home week commencing 21st November 2016 via pupil post.





Crayford Ward – Crime Prevention Advice and Surgeries – Community Link

If you have any concerns and require crime prevention advice, the local police has organised the following drop in sessions:

- Saturday 12th November 2016 – 3.00 pm – 4.00 pm – Crayford Library
- Thursday 11th December 2016 – 12.00 pm – 2.00 pm – Eleanor Hospice Shop
- Thursday 13th December 2016 – 11.00 am – 1.00 pm – Boots

Writer of the Week

Each week a teacher nominates a child who has produced an excellent piece of work or has considerably improved their writing. October’s winners were:

Year R	-	-	Maisie
Year 1	Noah	Georgiana	Ayla
Year 2	Alistair	Chielotem	Josh
Year 3	Oyinade	Elizabeth	Niamh
Year 4	Sophia	Carissa	Prince
Year 5	Ruby	Anne	Efosa
Year 6	Harrison	Andzelika	-



Yours sincerely

Mrs J Sinclair
Head Teacher

