

**December 2016**

Dear Parents



**DIARY OF EVENTS – AUTUMN 2016**



**DECEMBER 2016**

Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.15 am – Year 3 and Year 4 Class Mass in church – parents invited am – Year R Library visit
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Cycle and Scooter Park instalment
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	11.15 am - Year 5 to sing at Wolsley House for the Alzheimer's Society 2.30 pm – 3.00 pm – Year 5 and 6 singing at Bexleyheath Broadway Carolthon 2016 – parents invited to come along
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	3.30 pm – 6.30 pm - Open Evening – appointment letters have been sent home
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	3.30 pm – 6.30 pm - Open Evening – appointment letters have been sent home
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	2.30 pm – Infant Nativity – Years R, 1 and 2 – parents invited – ticket only event
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	am - CRIBS Assembly/Play – children only
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am - Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 Christmas Carol Service – parents invited 3.15 pm - Mexican Food tasting – Year 6 parents invited
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of term
 <p><b>Christmas Holidays</b> <b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2016 – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2017</b> <b>(children return on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017)</b></p> 	
<b>JANUARY 2017</b>	
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	INSET day – school closed for children
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Children return to school Year 3 – visiting Shenstone re Science topic
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	9.15 am – Year 3 and 4 Class Mass in church – parents invited
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	CRIBs working with pupils on special RE lessons 9.15 am – Year 6 Class Assembly – parents invited
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 trip – Sea Life Centre, London
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	9.15 am – Year 5 Class Assembly – parents invited
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	9.15 am – Year 2 Class Assembly – parents invited
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am – Head's Coffee Morning – David Evernett, MP for Bexley and Crayford will be attending

Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	After School Basketball Competition – selected Year 5 and 6 team
<b>FEBRUARY 2017</b>	
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.15 am – Year 1 Class Assembly – parents invited
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	English homework sponsored spelling list distributed
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 pm – PTA meeting
<b>HALF TERM</b>	
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2017</b>	
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Sponsored Spelling Test today
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Event – Quiz Night for Parents
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Living Eggs arrive
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 trip to Museum of Kent Life re Stone Age Topic CAFOD Assembly



**Details of all our regular school clubs are detailed below**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Dates and Times</b>
Mondays	Pro Futures Football Club Years 3, 4 and 5	3.15 – 4.30 pm 9 <sup>th</sup> January – 20 <sup>th</sup> March
	Orchestra	3.15 – 4.15 pm 9 <sup>th</sup> January – 20 <sup>th</sup> March
Thursdays	Pro Futures Football Club Years 1 and 2	3.15 – 4.30 pm 12 <sup>th</sup> January – 23 <sup>rd</sup> March
	Maths Whizz	3.15 – 4.15 pm 12 <sup>th</sup> January – 23 <sup>rd</sup> March
	Choir	12.45 pm – 1.15 pm 12 <sup>th</sup> January – 23 <sup>rd</sup> March
Fridays	Gardening Club	12.15 – 1.15 pm every Friday (weather permitting)
	Pro Futures Football Club Years 6	3.15 – 4.20 pm 13 <sup>th</sup> January – 24 <sup>th</sup> March
	Netball Club Years 5 and 6	3.15 – 4.15 pm 13 <sup>th</sup> January – 24 <sup>th</sup> March

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](mailto:kids@smileyark.com)



# NEWSLETTER



## **Open Evenings – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>/Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

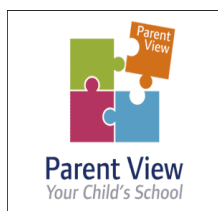
All parents by now should have received and confirmed their open evening appointment time. Please ensure you keep to your allocated ten minute appointment time so the evenings run smoothly without long delays building up. Children are encouraged to attend Open Evenings with their parents, especially in Key Stage 2. Please note, in order for this

to work, children and younger siblings must remain with their parents at all times and are expected to wait quietly.

Mrs Nicholls our Special Needs Co-ordinator will be available in the Applegarth Room for parents with appointments.

## **Religious Education Inspection**

The school recently underwent a Section 48 Religious Education Inspection. Although the report is not yet available, the verbal feedback was positive. I would like to thank the staff and particularly Mrs Truss for their hard work in ensuring that Religious Education is a vibrant, well taught subject. I would also like to thank you, our parents, for providing the inspector with such positive feedback via the questionnaire. I know the staff appreciate your positive support. Thank you.



## **Which leads quite smoothly on to ParentView**

Every year the school invites parental feedback via a paper questionnaire available at the spring term open evening. The questions are directly taken from Ofsted's ParentView, the online questionnaire about the school. The results and comments are analysed and this feeds into school self-evaluation and improvement planning. St Joseph's online ParentView looks

rather neglected and I would like to encourage parents, especially parents that have a positive view to take the time to register this online 😊. Ofsted take into account the views of all stakeholders in the community and positive support from parents helps hugely in getting a great result for the school.

Go on line at <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>



## **Retirement - Mrs Fionda**

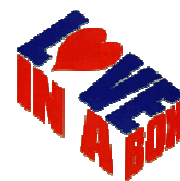
Mrs Fionda a teaching assistant at St Joseph's for the last 18 years is retiring at Christmas.

Mrs Fionda will have supported many of your children, dealing with anything from cut knees to practising long division! Mrs Fionda has always added good cheer and a sense of fun to the St Joseph's community and the staff and pupils wish her much fun and happiness. If you wish to contribute to her retirement gift please do so via the school office.



## Love in a Box

Thank you for your generosity it is a lovely feeling to think that the gift chosen by you and your children will make a child's Christmas a happy one in some distant part of the world where there might not be too much else to be happy about.



## The Infant Wall

It took 6,000 bricks and 2 workmen working for a month, but it's finally finished! Particular thanks to Mr Boshell, our Deputy Chair of Governors, who pursued the Education Commission for the repair.

## Cycle and Scooter Parking

Children and parents have requested that the school consider having cycle and scooter parking facilities on site. I am pleased to announce that a cycle shelter and scooter parking will be fitted next week to the left of the main doors.



That's the easy part!

I am anxious that cycles and scooters do not become a nuisance or risk to pedestrians. The rule will be that all cyclists those on scooters dismount before entering the school gates.

In order to prevent a chaotic 'free for all', the facilities will only be available to those issued with a 'permit to park'. I would like parents to note that the school cannot take any responsibility for loss or damage to cycles/scooters left in the parking bays. Suitable locks need to be provided. If you would like to apply for a 'permit to park' please complete the slip below. If demand outweighs available spaces, the school will consider how to implement a fair system.

## 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](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk) or is available from the Bexley Council website on [www.bexley.gov.uk/admissions](http://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](http://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.

## PTA News

Once again the PTA held their very successful Autumn Term disco. The children enjoyed dancing to the latest tracks played by DJ Mark Bradley. I would like to say a big thank you to all the PTA helpers and staff who make such events possible. The PTA have bought new table tennis tables for the junior playground and arranged for additional electrical outdoor sockets.



## Football Team

Well done to the Year 6 football team who played a tournament at Goals on Monday. The team were placed third and the boys are looking forward to gaining further experience in the New Year.





### St Mary of the Crays – Thank You

Thank you to all parents who donated a bottle for the tombola. The Church Bazaar was a great success. Approximately £3,000 was raised.

### 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. November’s winners were:

Year 6	Jack	Jebosa	Leah	Isaac
Year 5	Isabella	Chidera	Mabel	Carter
Year 4	Connor	Riess	Rowena	Adolph
Year 3	Victoria	Aaron	Temi	Ivana
Year 2	Annie	Louis	Molly	Josh
Year 1	Oliver	Daniel	Dylan	Christina
Year R	Emily	Joshua	Azairah	Imogen



Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas!

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Sinclair  
Head Teacher

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**To: Mrs Sinclair**

### **Cycle/Scooter Parking Permit**

Child’s Name: ..... Year: .....

I would like to apply for a Parking Permit for: Tick one box only

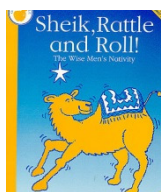
Scooter [ ]

Cycle [ ]

Signed: ..... Date: .....  
Parent/Guardian



# CHRISTMAS 2016 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



## Infant Christmas Production

The infant Christmas production will take place in school on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 2.30 pm.

## Junior Christmas Carol Service/Coffee and Mince Pie Event

The Junior Carol Concert will take place in church on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 9.30 am and will be followed by mince pies and coffee in the church hall. All welcome. Donations of mince pies would be most welcome from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December onwards.



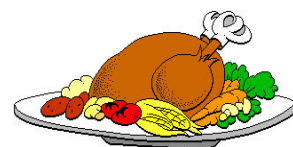
## Donations for St Joseph's Grand Raffle

We are holding a 'Grand Christmas Raffle' with lots of lovely prizes! The draw will take place on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2016 during the serving of coffee and mince pies, for parents and parishioners, following the Junior Carol Concert. A letter will be sent out shortly with the raffle tickets home.

Donations are needed for our Grand Raffle. If you would like to donate a gift for our Grand Christmas Raffle i.e. box of biscuits, chocolates, Christmas cake etc – please ensure perishable items have a sell buy date of at least 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016. All monies raised will go to the school Voluntary Fund that is used for the extra expenses the school has to incur during the year, this includes end of term treats, discos and subsidy for outings.

## Christmas Lunch

This year our Christmas Dinner will be on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016. All children can opt to have Christmas dinner. If your child currently has a packed lunch and you wish your child to have a Christmas dinner please indicate on the slip below. We require the £2.30 payment no later than Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2016.



## Christmas Party Day

Father Christmas will be visiting St Joseph's on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016 and there will be a School Disco in the school hall for all the children. Children may come to school in their party clothes for the day but please remember to dress sensibly for the weather as children will be going out on the playground for breaks.

## Christmas Production

Christian Resources in Bexley (CRIBS) will be performing to the whole school on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016 – children only.





## Christmas Holidays

The last day of term is Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2016. Children return to school on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017.**

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**RETURN NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2016**

**CHRISTMAS DINNER – WEDNESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER – ONLY TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENTS WHOSE CHILDREN HAVE PACKED LUNCHES.**

I would like my son/daughter to have a Christmas dinner this year.

Name of child/ren ..... Year (s): .....

Signed.....

I enclose £2.30 per child

