



January 2017

Dear Parents

DIARY OF EVENTS – SPRING 2017

JANUARY 2017	
Tuesday 3 rd	INSET day – school closed for children
Wednesday 4 th	Children return to school Year 3 – visiting Shenstone re Science topic
Friday 6 th	9.15 am – Year 3 and 4 Class Mass in church – parents invited
Monday 9 th	Year 1 Superhero Theme Day – Year 1 children wear own clothes relating to topic
Thursday 12 th	CRIBs start working with pupils on special RE lessons this term 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 for parents – repeat of the above (no children please) with Tim Wilson part of CEOP Advisory Service
Thursday 19 th	9.15 am – Year 5 Class Assembly – parents invited
Tuesday 24 th	2.30 pm - Mathletics meeting for parents re use of new at home maths resource – Mrs Drummond 7.00 pm – repeated Mathletics meeting for parents re use of new at home maths resource – Mrs Drummond Guest speaker on Judiasm for Key Stage 1 and 2
Wednesday 25 th	Guest speaker on Judiasm for Key Stage 1 and 2
Thursday 26 th	9.15 am – Year 2 Class Assembly – parents invited Year 5 trip to Hall Place (Tudors topic)
Friday 27 th	9.00 am – Head's Coffee Morning – David Evernett, MP for Bexley and Crayford will be attending – come and meet your local MP
Tuesday 31 st	After School Basketball Competition – selected Year 5 and 6 team
FEBRUARY 2017	
Thursday 2 nd	9.15 am – Year 1 Class Assembly – parents invited
Monday 6 th	English homework sponsored spelling list distributed
Tuesday 7 th	Birds of Prey presentation – whole school
Wednesday 8 th	7.00 pm – PTA meeting
HALF TERM	
Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February 2017	
Wednesday 22 nd	Sponsored Spelling Test today
Friday 24 th	PTA Event – Quiz Night for Parents – look out for details nearer the time
Monday 27 th	Living Eggs arrive
Tuesday 28 th	Year 3 trip to Museum of Kent Life re Stone Age Topic CAFOD Assembly

MARCH 2017	
Wednesday 1 st	9.15 am - Key Stage 2 joining parish for Ash Wednesday Mass in church 9.15 am – Key Stage 1 Mission Together a LENT assembly 7.00 pm – ‘Education in Human Love’ parents information meeting on new Scheme of Work to be adopted by school. Speaker, Sr Jude, author of programme
Wednesday 8 th	Lunchtime - Year 4 Easter Enterprise Sale – junior classes to bring in pocket money (maximum £1.00 in change) After school – Junior Athletics Team Competition
Thursday 9 th	am – Year 6 Junior Citizen Event – keeping safe in the community
Friday 10 th	9.15 am – Year 5 and Year 2 Class Mass in church – parents invited
Wednesday 15 th	Lunchtime - Year 3 Easter Enterprise Sale – junior classes to bring in pocket money (maximum £1.00 in change)
Thursday 16 th	Able Writers Day group – selected children from Years 3 and 4 attending course
Monday 20 th	9.15 am – St Joseph’s Feast Day Mass – parents invited
Wednesday 22 nd	Lunchtime - Year 5 Easter Enterprise Sale – junior classes to bring in pocket money (maximum £1.00 in change) After school Netball Team Competition
Tuesday 28 th	3.30 pm – 6.30 pm - Open Evening
Wednesday 29 th	Lunchtime - Year 6 Easter Enterprise Sale – junior classes to bring in pocket money (maximum £1.00 in change) 3.30 pm – 6.30 pm - Open Evening
Thursday 30 th	9.15 am – Year 3 and 4 Easter Play – parents invited 11.15 am – Infant Easter Egg Hunt 1.15 pm – Junior Easter Bonnet Competition
Friday 31 st	tba – Royal Festival Hall – a number of children attending performance 11.00 am CRIBS – Easter Play for whole school
EASTER HOLIDAYS MONDAY 3RD APRIL 2017 – TUESDAY 18TH APRIL 2017 CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY 19TH APRIL 2017	



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 9 th January – 20 th March
	Orchestra	3.15 – 4.15 pm 9 th January – 20 th March
Thursdays	Pro Futures Football Club Years 1 and 2	3.15 – 4.30 pm 12 th January – 23 rd March
	Mathletics	3.15 – 4.15 pm 19 th January – 23 rd March
	Choir	12.45 pm – 1.15 pm 12 th January – 23 rd 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 th January – 24 th March
	Basketball Club (Mr Addy) Years 5 and 6	3.15 – 4.15 pm 13 th January – 24 th 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



NEWSLETTER



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 13th January 2017.

Oops Accident!

Over the Christmas holidays I had an accident and have ligament strain to my knee (better than the fracture as originally diagnosed!). I am in school but due to decreased mobility will not be as visible to parents; crutches are such hard work!



PTA News – Your School Lottery

The PTA are launching a new fundraising initiative and would welcome as much support as possible. 'Your School Lottery' is our very own online lottery. The idea is, instead of buying scratch cards or the equivalent, the school community, parents, friends and staff subscribe to the school lottery. Every week members of our community will win prizes and will be in with a chance of winning £25,000. The planned first draw is on 11th February 2017. Please see attached flyer for details of how to sign up and good luck!

Punctuality

New Year Resolution? Schools are responsible for ensuring that children attend school regularly and are on time. The school gate opens at 8.45 am and closes at 8.55 am. After this time children are late. Evening pick up is at 3.15 pm; after this time you are relying of the good will of staff to provide child care.



The school fully understands the odd late drop off or pick up for exceptional reasons. However, data analysis (yes really, the school has to keep and analyse records), show a number of families regularly late. Please add this to your resolution list if you need to do so!



School Communication

Please be advised that the Home/School Communication Books (Blue Contact Book) are the acceptable form of communication between home and school. Verbal messages and emails are not encouraged as these can lead to the message being forgotten about or not reaching the right person in time.





E-Safety Sa feguarding Meeting

Do you know/monitor everything that your child is looking at when they have access to the internet? Are you aware that your child may be accessing the internet via their new game console? If not, or you would like to keep up to date with the appropriate guidance, come along to one of our e-safety meetings for parents. The date is Wednesday 18th January at either 1.30 pm or repeated at 7.00 pm.

Useful website links: www.thinkuknow.co.uk and <http://ceop.police.uk>

Mathletics

St Joseph's are introducing a new on-line maths resource for children to work on at home. Mathletics is designed to provide students with an engaging and safe learning experience. Targeted and adaptive content with structured support, plus gaming and rewards – all aligned to the primary maths curriculum.



Mrs Drummond will be running a two workshops on Tuesday 24th January 2017 to explain how this works and how you can support your child. The first workshop is at 2.30 pm in the school hall and the same is repeated at 7.00 pm if you are unable to attend the earlier session.



Spring Curriculum Overviews

Please find attached the curriculum overviews for your child's year group. These are provided so parents can encourage and support their children's studies at home. In addition, all curriculum overviews are posted on the school website.

Prayers Please

Your prayers are asked for the Oparehene family whose youngest son passed away at the end of last term. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, may he rest in peace.



Spring Bulbs

Remember to look after your bulbs; by ensuring the soil is moist. Once the bulbs start to show signs of growth (4 cm) they can be brought out of the dark and placed on a sunny windowsill.

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. December's winners were:

Year 6	Feranmi	Isaiah	Eleanor
Year 5	Luke	Scarlett	Efosa
Year 4	Jessica	Emma	Rielle
Year 3	Corey	Esther	Aimee
Year 2	Francis	Jayden	Dunbarin
Year 1	John	Amelia	Hugh
Year R	Adam	Archie	Deborah



I would like to thank parents and children for their gifts and cards.

Wishing everyone a very happy and successful New Year.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Sinclair
Head Teacher

