



June 2017

Dear Parents

JUNE 2017	
Monday 5 th	Science Workshops – whole school based on water – postponed to new academic year
Tuesday 6 th	Year 3 trip – Horton Kirby – topic River Flow
Wednesday 7 th	Year 4 trip – Box Hill – topic Misty Mountain
Thursday 8 th	9.15 am – Year 2 Class Assembly – parents invited Special RE lessons with Christian Resources in Bexley (CRIBS) and every Thursday for 4 weeks
Friday 9 th	Year 6 drama – Be Bright Be Seen Poetry Competition Final
Monday 12 th	Year 6 to go swimming to practice for swimming gala. Swimming kits required. 11.15 am – Mission Assembly – St Patrick's Community
Tuesday 13 th	Year 5 trip – Howletts Zoo – topic Beast Creator
Wednesday 14 th	pm - Year 6 Swimming Gala Tiny Artists – after school club taster session – Year 2
Thursday 15 th	Year 6 Theatre Trip – cancelled Year 3 Environmental Day – own clothes for a day of environmental science – please wear appropriate clothing
Friday 16 th	11.00 am – 12.30 pm Science Workshop Year 5 – children will need to bring a packed lunch from home
Monday 19 th	Year 6 Cycling Course starts this week 7.00 pm – PTA meeting
Tuesday 20 th	Year 4 Environmental Day – own clothes for a day of environmental science – please wear appropriate clothing After school – 3.30 pm – 4.30 pm Years 3 and 4 Athletics Competition at St Columba's
Wednesday 21 st	Tiny Artists – after school club taster session – Year 3
Thursday 22 nd	9.15 am – Year 3 Class Assembly – parents invited RE Celebration Day – 6 children representatives to attend 7.00 pm – Secondary Transfer Meeting for Year 5 parents in school hall
Friday 23 rd	Year R trip – Tyland Barn Able Writers Day – selected children from Years 1 and 2
Monday 26 th	Year 3 Pedestrian Training this week – change of date Year 6 Environmental Day – own clothes for a day of environmental science – please wear appropriate clothing
Tuesday 27 th	Year 2 Environmental Day – own clothes for a day of environmental science – please wear appropriate clothing 11.00 am – 12.30 pm – Science Workshop for Year 5 at St Columba's

Wednesday 28 th	Children to wear own clothes and bring a bottle for the Summer Fete 7.00 pm - New Reception (September 2017) intake meeting
Thursday 29 th	9.15 am – whole school Mass in church – Holy Day of Obligation Feast of St Peter and Paul
Friday 30 th	Sports Day am – Infants – school grounds pm – Juniors – VCD sports field
JULY 2017	
Saturday 1 st	11.00 am – 3.00 pm Summer Fete – plenty of family fun, please come along!
Monday 3 rd	2.30 pm – Music Recital – Bird College
Wednesday 5 th	Mini Sports Tournament at St Peter Chanel
Friday 7 th	9.15 am – Year 3 and 2 Class Mass in church – parents invited Year 1 Environmental Day – own clothes for a day of environmental science – please wear appropriate clothing
Monday 10 th	7.00 pm - Year 5 and 6 Production – ticket only event – letter to follow
Tuesday 11 th	London Fire Brigade Visit
Wednesday 12 th	Summer Reading Scheme launch assembly
Thursday 13 th	Year 2 trip – Herne Bay – topic Beach Combers 3.00 pm – 4.30 pm - After School Athletics Competition – Years 5 and 6
Friday 14 th	Reports home to parents
Monday 17 th	9.15 am – Leavers’ Mass in Church – parents invited
Wednesday 19 th	Year 1 trip to Godstone Farm
Thursday 20 th	Talent Show
Friday 21 st	2.30 pm – Leavers’ Assembly in school – parents invited followed by tea and coffee Last day of term

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 24 th April – 10 th July 2017
	Orchestra	3.15 – 4.15 pm 24 th April – 10 th July 2017
Thursdays	Pro Futures Football Club Years 1 and 2	3.15 – 4.30 pm 27 th April - 13 th July 2017
	Mathletics	3.15 – 4.15 pm 27 th April - 13 th July 2017
	Choir	12.45 pm – 1.15 pm 27 th April - 13 th July 2017
Fridays	Pro Futures Football Club Years 6	3.15 – 4.20 pm 28 th April – 14 th July 2017
	Basketball Club (Mr Addy) Years 5 and 6	3.15 – 4.15 pm 28 th April – 14 th July 2017

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

Big Breakfast

This was the fourth event for St Joseph's and again proved highly popular and successful. Approximately 200 children and parents sat down to breakfast after walking to school. There was a lovely atmosphere in the hall as many families did their 'bit' to support the school's eco-friendly targets as outlined in the School Travel Plan. I would like to thank staff, particularly Mrs Vidler, for organising and supporting this event.



International Day Celebration

Thank you everyone for making the effort to celebrate the wonderful cultural and ethnic diversity at St Joseph's. The children particularly enjoyed the international dance lessons and food tasting. I would like to thank Mrs Holdsworth for organising the day.

Sports Day – Friday 30th June 2017

Please be advised that Sports Day will be at the usual venues.

Infants (Years R, 1 and 2)

Will take place from 9.30 am on the school grounds. The school gate will be open from 9.00 am and the PTA will have refreshments on sale.



Juniors (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6)

Will take place from 1.30 pm at the VCD Sports Club which is just across the road.

All children need to come into school dressed ready to take part. PE kits will be sent home on Thursday 29th June 2017. The children should come to school in the correct coloured house shirt (red, yellow, blue or green – no logos) their PE shorts and trainers (plimsolls if trainers are not available) also a school jumper and cap.

All children to bring in a bottle of water clearly labelled with their name.

Any use of cameras/recording equipment at school events is permitted on the understanding that it is not to be uploaded onto any public access site.



PTA News

The PTA continue to support the school with fund raising and social events. The inflatable event after school was again a wonderful success.

Fun was had at the disco in April and ice lollies on Fridays continue to be very popular.

Thank you to the PTA committee and helpers for making this happen and raising much needed extra funds.



The next big event is the Summer Fete on Saturday 1st July 2017, 11.00 am – 3.00 pm. Plans are well underway. Do get involved and show your support by coming along.

Careers Talk for Year 6

Many thanks for the parents who gave their time to inform and inspire the children about possible future careers. Who knows, we may have budding dentists, fire fighters, nurses, HR managers, marketing executives and international bankers!



Selection Tests 2017

Parents of the current year 5 class are advised that registration for sitting the Bexley tests opens on the 2nd May 2017 and closes on the 9th July 2017 www.bexley.gov.uk/selectiontests

St Joseph's school is not a test centre and applicants will be invited to a test centre on either Tuesday 12th September or Wednesday 13th September 2017. If you feel your child requires special arrangements in order to access the test, there is an additional form which must be completed and submitted by the 1st July 2017. Please don't leave applications to the last minute. Late registrations will not be accepted.

Kent/Medway Selection Tests

Please be advised that the Kent and Medway Council have their own selection arrangements. Parents must be proactive in registering by the appropriate dates.

An information meeting regarding all aspects of secondary transfer has been arranged for parents of Year 5 children on Thursday 22nd June 2017 at 7.00 pm.

Book Fair

A travelling book fair was held at St Joseph's before half term. Children from all classes had the opportunity to browse the latest book titles and buy from book stands. The school receives a number of free books based on the number of books sold. Mrs Partridge would like to thank parents for their support.



Guinness World Record Attempt – 19th May 2017 – Walk 4 Wildlife

Nearly 200 pupils took part in the world record breaking attempt for the largest sponsored walk by children. The children found walking one kilometre easy and many did over two kilometres!



However, we have run into a technical hitch. The organisers have requested that all original sponsor forms are to be forwarded to them, and our office, in a peak of human efficiency, threw them away! Copies of the original form have been re-sent home. Please re-sign without the £1 and return as soon as possible. Due diligence checks can take over 10 weeks - so we have no official news yet.

Water and Sun Cream

With summer fast approaching (hopefully!) please ensure that children come to school with a bottle of water (labelled with their name) and have the appropriate sun cream on before coming to school. School caps are available in the office for £3.50.



First Holy Communion

Our prayers and congratulations go out to the children who will make their First Holy Communion this Sunday. This is a day they will remember for the rest of their lives. God bless.



Church Car Park

Thank you for respecting Fr Ignatius' wishes and not using the car park. It does seem quieter and safer both before and after school.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

We are getting ready to send off our order for Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers, please check your purses/wallets to see if you have any to send in.



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. May's winners were:

Year 6	-	Catriona	Caroline
Year 5	David	Cole	Leo
Year 4	Georgio	Jessica	Koby
Year 3	Ire	Eliana	Jimmylee
Year 2	Sasha	Shasha	Annie
Year 1	Oliver	Ayomide	Anna
Year R	Harley	Marvyn	Ashleen

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Sinclair
Head Teacher

