

**April/May 2018**

Dear Parents

The calendar is updated every month so please check.

**DIARY OF EVENTS – SUMMER 2018**

<b>APRIL</b>	
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Children return to school Year 3 Trip to Kent Life – Stone Age Topic
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Theme Day – Alice in Wonderland
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am – Transport for London - Road Safety and Citizenship Talk – Year 6 Year 3 - Greek Theme Day – food tasting (no dressing up)
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	St George's Day – Cubs, Scouts, Rainbows and Brownies wear uniform
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	9.15 am - Year 1 Class Assembly – parents invited 7.00 pm – PTA Meeting
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Year R – Ugly Bug Ball – theme and dress up day Year 4 – Adopt a School Royal Academy of Culinary Arts Programme
<b>MAY</b>	
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Crowning of Our Lady assembly – each child to bring in 1 or 2 cut flower stems from the garden
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.15 am - Year 4 Class Assembly – parents invited
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>BANK HOLIDAY – School is closed</b>
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.15 am – Holy Day of Obligation – Ascension – Mass at Church – parents invited
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup>	SATs week for Key Stage 2 begins Book Fair delivered today – opportunity to browse and buy books this week
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 – Adopt a School Royal Academy of Culinary Arts Programme After School – PTA Inflatable Event – details to follow
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Select a poem for the Poetry Competition
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	9.15 am – Year R Class Assembly – parents invited 7.00 pm – Summer Concert - Orchestra/Choir/Music Groups
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	In-school Cross-Country competition
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Parish First Holy Communion
<b>HALF TERM</b>	
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2017</b>	
<b>JUNE</b>	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 - Walk Ability Road Safety Training this week Year 6 swimming instead of Year 5 (for Gala practice)
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Trip to Box Hill – Misty Mountains topic pm - Year 6 Drama – Be Bright, Be Seen at school Year 5 and 6 Mixed Cricket Competition (tbc)

Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Environmental Day – children to wear own comfortable clothes suitable for outdoor activities 9.15 am – Year 2 Class Assembly – parents invited Year 3 Trip – Horton Kirby – River Flow topic Year 5 and 6 Quick Cricket Competition (tbc)
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Children to wear own clothes and bring a bottle for the Summer Fete (the bottles collected as prizes for the Bottle Tombola ) Poetry Competition Final
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 - Swimming Gala
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Trip to Howletts Zoo – Beast Creator topic Year 2 Environmental Day – children to wear own comfortable clothes suitable for outdoor activities am – Year 6 Cycle Training
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	am – Year 6 Cycle Training
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	am – Year 6 Cycle Training
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	am – Year 6 Cycle Training 9.15 am – Year 5 and R Class Mass in Church – parents invited
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup>	 <b>PTA Summer Fete</b> 
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Environmental Day – children to wear own comfortable clothes suitable for outdoor activities
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	8.15 am - Big Breakfast – free breakfast for all children and parents who walk to school
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 trip to Chessington World of Adventures Year 4 Science at St Columba's
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	9.15 am – Year 3 Class Assembly – parents invited Year 4 – Adopt a School Royal Academy of Culinary Arts Programme 7.00 pm – Secondary Transfer meeting for Year 5 parents
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Sports Day - am Infants - pm Juniors – details to follow
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Fire Brigade visit – infant classes 7.00 pm – New Reception Intake meeting
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 trip to Herne Bay – Beachcombers topic Year 5 Environmental Day – children to wear own comfortable clothes suitable for outdoor activities
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 trip to Godstone Farm – Dinosaur Planet/The Magic Key topic Year 6 – Picnic and Praise at St Columba's
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Environmental Day – children to wear own comfortable clothes suitable for outdoor activities
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	9.15 am – Holy Day of Obligation Feast of St Peter and Paul – in church pm – Intra-School Handball/Netball Competition
<b>JULY</b>	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	New Reception class children - taster afternoon
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.00 am – Head's Coffee Morning – all welcome Fire Brigade visit – junior classes New Reception class children - taster afternoon

Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	New Reception class children - taster afternoon
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	9.15 am – Year 1 and 4 Class Mass in church – parents invited Year 6 Environmental Day – children to wear own comfortable clothes suitable for outdoor activities Year R Trip – Tyland Barn – Mini Beasts topic
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 - Science Workshop at St Columba's
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 pm – Years 5 and 6 Leavers' Production
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	9.15 am – Year 2 and 3 Class Mass in church – parents invited End of Year reports sent home to parents
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.15 am – Year 6 Leavers' Mass in church – parents invited Class rounds of Talent Show
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Talent Show
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	2.15 pm – Year 6 Leavers' Assembly – parents invited, followed by tea and biscuits 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 Contact <a href="http://www.profutuessoccer.com">www.profutuessoccer.com</a> 01322 278677	3.15 – 4.30 pm 23 <sup>rd</sup> April– 9 <sup>th</sup> July
	Orchestra – Mrs Martin Please contact via your child's Contact Book	3.15 – 4.15 pm 23 <sup>rd</sup> April– 9 <sup>th</sup> July
Tuesdays	Young Film Makers Club – Mrs Hassan Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 Contact 07415 791401	3.15 – 4.15 pm 24 <sup>th</sup> April– 10 <sup>th</sup> July
Wednesdays	Dance Club – Mrs Sweeting Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 Contact 07984 952445	3.15 – 4.15 pm 25 <sup>th</sup> April– 11 <sup>th</sup> July
	Tiny Artists (contact club directly) <a href="mailto:phoebefricker@googlemail.com">phoebefricker@googlemail.com</a> Contact 07891 733059 – Phoebe Fricker	3.15 – 4.15 pm 25 <sup>th</sup> April– 11 <sup>th</sup> July
Thursdays	Pro Futures Football Club Years 1 and 2 Contact <a href="http://www.profutuessoccer.com">www.profutuessoccer.com</a> 01322 278677	3.15 – 4.30 pm 26 <sup>th</sup> April– 12 <sup>th</sup> July
	Mathletics – Mrs Vidler Please contact via your child's Contact Book	3.15 – 4.15 pm 26 <sup>th</sup> April– 12 <sup>th</sup> July
	Choir – Mrs Martin Please contact via your child's Contact Book	12.45 pm – 1.15 pm 26 <sup>th</sup> April– 12 <sup>th</sup> July
Fridays	Football Club – Mr Hobson Years 6 Please contact via your child's Contact Book	3.15 – 4.20 pm 27 <sup>th</sup> April– 13 <sup>th</sup> July
	Netball Club – Mrs May Years 5 and 6 Please contact via your child's Contact Book	3.15 – 4.15 pm 27 <sup>th</sup> April– 13 <sup>th</sup> July

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

## Pupils Suffering with Hay Fever

As the weather brightens, hay fever begins! If your child suffers from hay fever, please let the office know. The school can support with long term, ongoing medical issues. Medication sent into school must be officially sent in via the school office, not left in book bags. Any medication must be accompanied by a written, signed letter and give very specific details of requirements. Mrs Burns (Admin Assistant) may require further details and contact you to complete an Individual Health Care Plan. Sunglasses may only be worn by pupils who suffer with hay fever, parents please contact the school via a note in the contact book.



## New Teaching Assistant Appointments

St Joseph's welcomes Mrs Hitchins and Miss Blanchard to the staff. Mrs Hitchins and Miss Blanchard work every morning, primarily in year 3 and 5. They will also have playground and lunchtime duties and are already becoming familiar faces around the school.

## Parents' Evening Online Booking Arrangements

This new initiative worked well with 90% of parents booking appointments online. Thank you for your co-operation.



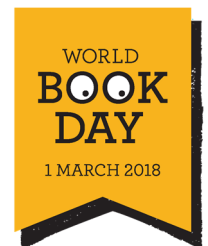
## SIMS Agora – Online Dinner Money Payment System for Junior Classes

A number of parents are already making use of this system. Individual letters were distributed last term but if you haven't registered and need a reminder of your sign in details, please contact the school office.

## World Book Day

The pupils enjoyed the World Book Day theme day. Congratulations to:

Toby - The Big Friendly Giant  
Connie - Little Piggy  
Connor – Poseidon  
Pelumi – Robin Hood  
Rory – Mr Fox  
Aimee – Frankenstein Scientist  
Anne – Queen Titania



## Uniform

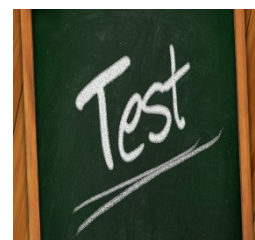
The children look very smart on their return to school. Please could you ensure that all items of uniform are labelled, particularly the school caps and jumpers.





## **Registration for 2018 Bexley Selection Tests – Year 5 Parents**

The registration period opens on the 1<sup>st</sup> May 2018 and closes on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2018. Register online at [www.bexley.gov.uk/selectiontests](http://www.bexley.gov.uk/selectiontests) The dates of the tests will be either Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September or Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018. If your child should require special arrangements to access the tests, an additional form is required with supporting evidence and the closing date for this is Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2018. Don't leave this to the very last moment as the school will need time to collate information. Late registrations will not be accepted. Kent Selection Test registration opens 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018 and closes 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018. For Medway registration opens 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018 and closes 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018. This is the responsibility of the parents to register.



### **Ice Lolly Friday**

From Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2018 until the end of term, ice lollies will be sold after school every Friday. Lollies cost 50p each, please bring correct change with you. Members of the PTA will be selling lollies outside the main entrance and infant playground. This is an after school activity.

### **Inflatable Event**

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2018 we will be holding an Inflatable Event straight after school in the school grounds. This was a most enjoyable event last year. Please look out for details of tickets nearer the time.



### **Summer Fete – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

The PTA is currently busy behind the scenes organising the Summer Fete. Please keep an eye out for requests for help and support with donations. Please keep the date free!

Many thanks to the PTA for their continued support.

### **Winners of the Catholic School Choral Festival**

Congratulations to the school choir and Mrs Martin for their success in winning this local competition. The standard of singing across the Bexley Catholic Primary Schools is very high and our choir put in a great performance to win the competition. It was a fantastic feeling to walk away with the trophy.



### **School Football Team – Cup Final**

Congratulations are also due to the Year 6 and 5 boys who represented the school this season. The final of the Mini-Cup against Eastcote was a hard played match and our team won the runners up cup.



### **SATs Tests – Year 6**

Year 6 SATs tests take place the week of Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018 – it is essential all children attend school. No absences granted this week.

### **Free Cycle Training**

Now that the weather is, hopefully, improving why not get out and about at the weekends?

Bexley offers free cycle training for adults. Visit this link for more details:

<https://www.bexley.gov.uk/services/travel-and-transport/road-safety>



You can also order free maps of local cycle routes from TfL. Visit this link for more details: <https://tfl.gov.uk/forms/12419.aspx>

Walking is also a great way of increasing your exercise levels. The Green Chain Walk and the Capital Ring Walk are local to us. Why not give them a go? Visit these links for more details:

<https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/walking/green-chain-walk>

<https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/walking/capital-ring>



### **Curriculum Overviews Summer - attached**

Do take the time to talk to your children about their projects as it reinforces the work they have done in school time.

### **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. March's winners were:



Year 6	Leo	Alex	Sharlin
Year 5	Paul	Timothy	Prince
Year 4	Jimmylee	Lily	Esther
Year 3	Ethan	Joshua	Isaac
Year 2	Ayla	Samuel	Teddy
Year 1	Samuel	Cameron	-
Year R	Frederik	Sadie	Malika

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Sinclair  
Head Teacher

