



November 2017

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Dear Parents

The calendar is updated every month so please check.

DIARY OF EVENTS – AUTUMN 2017

NOVEMBER 2017	
Wednesday 1 st	9.15 am – Holy Day of Obligation Mass – Feast of All Saints in church – parents invited Townley Grammar Science Workshop – invited children
Thursday 2 nd	9.15 am - Year 5 Class Assembly – parents invited Guest Speaker visiting Year 4 – Harley Davison American bike rider
Monday 6 th	Each class to bring in 'junk' for recycling as advised in separate letter
Wednesday 8 th	Nasal Flu Vaccinations – Year R, 1, 2, 3 and 4 in school – letters to be sent home
Thursday 9 th	9.15 am – Year 6 Class Assembly – parents invited Year 3 'Animal Days Out' – a workshop in school 2.45 pm – Phonic Workshop for reception class parents
Friday 10 th	SWAC Team – Environmental Workshops all day – Year 2, 5 and 6 will need to collect the following for their activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clean household waste - Yoghurt pots - Pringle Tubes - Plastic Bottles Mindfulness Pupil Workshops Year 5 and 6 Team Tag Rugby Fun – Old Dartfordians After School Discos organised by the PTA (letter to follow): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 5.00 pm – 6.00 pm - Infants - 6.30 pm – 8.00 pm – Juniors
Monday 13 th	Anti-Bullying Week – All Different All Equal
Tuesday 14 th	Open Morning for prospective parents 9.15 am presentation followed by a guided tour – let friends know
Wednesday 15 th	Year 6 Girls Football Team away game at Northumberland Heath
Thursday 16 th	3.00 pm – 4.30 pm – Year 5 and 6 Handball Tournament - tbc
Friday 17 th	Eco-Warrior Workshop
Monday 20 th	Internal Test Week
Tuesday 21 st	2.30 pm - Parent Support Workshops for English – Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 3.30 pm - Parent Support Workshops for English – Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 5.30 pm - Parent Support Workshops for English – Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 2.30 pm - Parent Support Workshops for Maths – Year R 3.30 pm - Parent Support Workshops for Maths – Year R 5.30 pm - Parent Support Workshops for Maths – Year R
Friday 24 th	Children wear own clothes – bring a bottle for St Mary of the Crays Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 25 th	St Mary of the Crays Christmas Bazaar
Monday 27 th	Year 3 and 4 team Speed Stacker competition at Hurstmere 7.00 pm – PTA meeting
Wednesday 29 th	Townley Science Club – invite only
Thursday 30 th	St Andrew's Day – clubs wear own clothes (Beavers, Scouts, Rainbows, Brownies)
DECEMBER 2017	
Monday 4 th	Reception class visit to Crayford Library After school – Year 6 boys Football Team – One Form Entry Cup Tournament at Goals
Tuesday 5 th	2.30 pm – 3.00 pm - Years 5 and 6 Carolthon at Bexleyheath Broadway
Wednesday 6 th	3.30 pm – 6.30 pm - Open Evening – appointments to be sent nearer the time
Thursday 7 th	Year 5 boys invite to St Columba's to meet leading author – Dan Freeman 3.30 pm – 6.30 pm - Open Evening – appointments to be sent nearer the time
Friday 8 th	9.15 am – Years 3 and 4 Class Mass in church – parents invited
Monday 11 th	2.30 pm – Infant Nativity – Years R, 1 and 2 – parent invited – ticket only event – look out for information nearer the time
Tuesday 12 th	pm – Christmas Show – Beauty and the Beast at school
Wednesday 13 th	Christmas Party Day – children to wear own clothes, school Christmas dinner 1.30 pm - Christmas Discos
Monday 18 th	1.30 pm - Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 Christmas Carol Service – parents invited
Tuesday 19 th	CRIBS Christmas Play Year 5 to sing at Wolsley House for the Alzheimer's Society
Wednesday 21 st	Last day of term
Christmas Holidays Wednesday 21st December 2017 – Tuesday 2nd January 2018 (children return on Wednesday 3rd January 2018)	
JANUARY 2018	
Wednesday 3 rd	Children return to school
Thursday 9 th	Year 4 Trip – Blue Reef Sea Life Centre, Hastings
Friday 12 th	9.15 am – Year 3 and 4 Class Mass in church – parents invited
Thursday 18 th	9.15 am – Year 6 Class Assembly – parents invited 2.00 pm – 3.30 pm – Basketball Competition
Wednesday 24 th	Year 5 Trip – Hall Place
Thursday 25 th	9.15 am – Year 1 Class Assembly – parents invited
Wednesday 31 st	Townley Science Club – invited pupils only
FEBRUARY 2018	
Friday 2 nd	PTA Quiz Night – keep the date!

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 www.profuuturesoccer.com 01322 278677	3.15 – 4.30 pm 11 th September – 11 th December
	Orchestra – Mrs Martin Please contact via your child's Contact Book	3.15 – 4.15 pm 18 th September – 11 th December
Wednesdays	Dance Club – Mrs Sweeting Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 Contact 07984 952445	3.15 – 4.15 pm 13 th September – 13 th December
	Tiny Artists (contact club directly) phoebefricker@googlemail.com Contact 07891 733059 – Phoebe Fricker	3.15 – 4.15 pm 13 th September – 13 th December
Thursdays	Pro Futures Football Club Years 1 and 2 Contact www.profuuturesoccer.com 01322 278677	3.15 – 4.30 pm 14 th September – 14 th December
	Mathletics – Mrs Vidler Please contact via your child's Contact Book	3.15 – 4.15 pm 21 st September – 14 th December
	Choir – Mrs Martin Please contact via your child's Contact Book	12.45 pm – 1.15 pm 14 th September – end of term
Fridays	Football Club – Mr Hobson Years 6	3.15 – 4.20 pm 15 th September – 15 th December
	Netball Club – Mrs May Years 5 and 6 Please contact via your child's Contact Book	3.15 – 4.15 pm 15 th September – 15 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



Parent Support Workshops – English

The new English Skills Homework books have been received well. A number of parents have commented that the standard expected is high and that the subject knowledge expected of their child is different to when they were at school.

In order to support parents with the new requirements in English subject knowledge, the school will be holding English Skills Parent Workshops for each year group (Years 1 – 6) on Tuesday 21st November 2017. The workshops will be repeated three times during the day/evening. This gives parents the opportunity to fit in a workshop at a time convenient to them and also if they have children in more than one year group to catch different year group presentations.

The presentations will run at 2.30 pm, 3.30 pm and 5.30 pm and will last for around 45 minutes. Pupils may attend with their parents. Each presentation will cover the key objectives for the year group and explain some of the terminology used.

Year R parents are invited to 'Supporting your child with Mathematics' on the same date and times.



School Fund Contributions

Thank you to those parents who have already paid the school fund. If you still need to pay, please send your £20 school fund contribution as soon as possible. We rely on parents to send this amount in at the beginning of the Autumn Term. The money collected allows the school to organise extra enrichment activities and treats. For your information here are some details of the expenditure for last year:

- Christmas presents for the whole school - £250
- Easter Bonnet prizes - £100
- Year 6 Leavers' Gifts - £150
- International Dance Workshop for the whole school - £300
- Big Breakfast for the whole school - £80
- Holy Communion Books - £150
- Christmas Pantomime Production for the whole school- £600

Please contribute, as you can see, many of the most memorable events in the school year are supported with this source of funding.



Primary Reception Places – September 2018

The Bexley online site has now opened – www.bexley.gov.uk/admissions (for Bexley residents) and <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places> (The application period for Kent residents opens on 6th November 2017 and closes on 15th January 2018).



The school will hold an information and Open Morning on Tuesday 14th November 2017. 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. The closing date for applications is 15th January 2018.

Children's Disco – Friday 10th November 2017

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 book bag. The PTA will arrange for your tickets to be sent home by pupil post. Tickets cost £3.00 each.



Poppies – Supporting the Royal British Legion

These are on sale until the 11th November 2017 in class. Children may bring in some change in order to make a donation.

We are also selling other poppy related items supporting the Royal British Legion. These are available to purchase from the school office.



Love in a Box

Just a reminder, that the last date for 'Love in a Box' donations is Friday 3rd November 2017. Thank you in advance for your support and generosity.

Special Needs Audit

As part of the cycle of school improvement the school, supported by an external adviser, will be carrying out a Special Needs Audit. Parents of children who receive support via this aspect of school life will be asked to fill in a feedback form so parent view can be considered in developing improved provision. Thank you for your support and speedy return of questionnaires.



News from St Catherine's

At a recent coffee morning, I was informed that a pupil of St Joseph's achieved outstanding GCSE results, the best in her year group. Wow! It is so good to hear that the firm foundations laid at our primary school play an important part in continued success.

Own Clothes Day – Friday 24th November 2017

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 25th November 2017, 12.00 pm – 4.00 pm.





Open Evenings – Wednesday 6th/Thursday 7th December 2017

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

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	-	-	Ralphy
Year 1	Harley	-	Maisie
Year 2	Christina	Oliver	Georgiana
Year 3	Joshua	Dunbarin	Jessie
Year 4	Eliana	Oliver	Nnamdi
Year 5	Jessica	Lexie	Jason
Year 6	Emeka	Anne	-



Yours sincerely

Mrs J Sinclair
Head Teacher