



January 2018

Dear Parents

The calendar is updated every month so please check.

DIARY OF EVENTS – SPRING 2018

JANUARY 2018	
Wednesday 3 rd	Children return to school
Thursday 4 th	Guest speaker – Judaism for Key Stage 1 and 2
Friday 5 th	Guest speaker – Judaism for Key Stage 1 and 2 10.00 am – Year 3 visiting Shenstone School Playground to study forces for their topic – Mighty Metals
Monday 8 th	Year 1 Superhero theme day – children come to school dressed as Superheros
Wednesday 10 th	7.00 pm – PTA meeting
Friday 12 th	9.15 am – Year 3 and 4 Class Mass in church – parents invited After school – Year 6 boys football match – home game to St Stephen's
Thursday 18 th	9.15 am – Year 6 Class Assembly – parents invited 2.00 pm – 3.30 pm – Key Stage 2 Basketball Workshop – selected pupils at St Columba's
Wednesday 24 th	Year 5 Trip – Hall Place – Tudors Topic
Thursday 25 th	9.15 am – Year 1 Class Assembly – parents invited
Monday 29 th	9.00 am – Head's Coffee Morning – all welcome – meet the Music Co-ordinator, Mrs Martin, to discuss musical opportunities at St Joseph's
Tuesday 30 th	Able Maths Workshops – Years 3 and 4
Wednesday 31 st	Townley Science Club – invited pupils only
FEBRUARY 2018	
Friday 2 nd	9.15 am – Year 2 and Year 5 Class Mass in church – parents invited 7.30 pm - PTA Quiz Night (tbc) – keep the date!
Monday 5 th	Sponsored spelling list and sponsor forms distributed today
Tuesday 6 th	Year 4 trip to Sea Life Centre Hastings – Blue Reef topic
HALF TERM	
Monday 12th – Friday 16th February 2018	
Tuesday 20 th	9.15 am CAFOD Assembly – Juniors
Wednesday 21 st	Spelling tests today for Sponsored Spell 9.15 am Mission Together Assembly – Infants Lunchtime - Year 3 Easter Enterprise Sale – junior classes to bring in pocket money (maximum £1.00 in change)
Thursday 22 nd	9.15 am – Year 5 Class Assembly – parents invited
Tuesday 27 th	Year 3 trip to Museum of Kent Life – Tribal Tales topic
Wednesday 28 th	Lunchtime - Year 4 Easter Enterprise Sale – junior classes to bring in pocket money (maximum £1.00 in change) Townley Science Course – invited pupils

MARCH	
Thursday 1 st	World Book Day – each class to dress up as their favourite character from a given genre. Letter to follow. St David's Day – Cubs, Scouts, Rainbows and Brownies wear uniform
Friday 2 nd	Year 6 Junior Citizen Event
Wednesday 7 th	Lunchtime - Year 5 Easter Enterprise Sale – junior classes to bring in pocket money (maximum £1.00 in change)
Friday 9 th	9.15 am – Year 1 and 6 Class Mass in church – parents invited
Wednesday 14 th	Lunchtime - Year 6 Easter Enterprise Sale – junior classes to bring in pocket money (maximum £1.00 in change)
Thursday 15 th	Able Writer Day – Years 3 and 4 – invited pupils 9.15 am – Year 2 Class Assembly – parents invited
Monday 19 th	9.15 am – St Joseph's Feast Day Mass – parents invited – Cubs, Scouts, Rainbows and Brownies wear uniform Chicks arrive!
Tuesday 20 th	RE Art Day – guest Artist
Wednesday 21 st	Year 2 trip to Chatham Dockyard – Land Ahoy topic am - Catholic Choral Competition for school choir
Thursday 22 nd	Football Workshop – junior children at St Columba's
Friday 23 rd	After School Discos organised by the PTA (letter to follow): - 5.00 pm – 6.00 pm - Infants - 6.30 pm – 8.00 pm – Juniors
Monday 26 th	3.30 pm – 6.30 pm - Open Evening – appointments to be sent nearer the time
Tuesday 27 th	11.15 am – CRIBS Easter Play 3.30 pm – 6.30 pm - Open Evening – appointments to be sent nearer the time
Wednesday 28 th	Townley Science Course – invited pupils
Thursday 29 th	9.15 am – Years 3 and 4 Easter Service – parents invited Infant Easter Egg Hunt
Easter Holidays Friday 30th March 2018 - Friday 13th April 2018 INSET Day – Monday 16th April 2018 (children return on Tuesday 17th April 2018)	

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.profutuessoccer.com 01322 278677	3.15 – 4.30 pm 8 th January – 19 th March
	Orchestra – Mrs Martin Please contact via your child's Contact Book	3.15 – 4.15 pm 8 th January – 19 th March
Wednesdays	Dance Club – Mrs Sweeting Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 Contact 07984 952445	3.15 – 4.15 pm 10 th January – 21 st March
	Tiny Artists (contact club directly) phoebefricker@googlemail.com Contact 07891 733059 – Phoebe Fricker	3.15 – 4.15 pm 10 th January – 7 th February
Thursdays	Pro Futures Football Club Years 1 and 2 Contact www.profutuessoccer.com 01322 278677	3.15 – 4.30 pm 11 th January – 22 nd March
	Mathletics – Mrs Vidler Please contact via your child's Contact Book	3.15 – 4.15 pm 11 th January – 22 nd March
	Choir – Mrs Martin Please contact via your child's Contact Book	12.45 pm – 1.15 pm 11 th January – end of term
Fridays	Football Club – Mr Hobson Years 6 Please contact via your child's Contact Book	3.15 – 4.20 pm 12 th January – 23 rd March
	Netball Club – Mrs May Years 5 and 6 Please contact via your child's Contact Book	3.15 – 4.15 pm 12 th January – 23 rd 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

**Clubs re-start in January, second week back beginning
8th January 2018**



NEWSLETTER



Primary Reception Places – September 2018

The application period is now open. The 'Admission to Primary Schools in Bexley 2018' booklet is available to view at www.bexley.gov.uk/admissions and the school office have a number of paper copies. Applications must be made online to www.eadmissions.org for Bexley residents. The closing date for applications is the 15th January 2018. For Kent residents the website is <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places> and the closing date is also the 15th January 2018. Our Supplementary Form is available on our school website or paper copies are available from the school office. This must be completed by all families and returned directly to the school.

Please Note: Fr Ignatius is currently on holiday for 2 weeks. Please return a copy of your unsigned Supplementary Form, together with supporting evidence (birth certificate, Baptism certificate and your 2017/2018 Council Tax bill) by the 15th January 2018. **Extension to Wednesday 7th February to return signed copy of the Supplementary Form.**



Email Address – Action Needed

The school would like to be able to improve communication by sending some information to parents via email. Please detail your email addresses on the slip at the end of this newsletter. This email information will be held securely on the School Information Management System for the purpose of sending out information to parents. This information will not be released to third parties.

Paper copies of the newsletter will continue to be available. Please indicate your preference for a paper copy on the tear-off slip attached.

Safer Internet Day

As you may be aware the theme this year is 'Create, Connect and Share Respect: A better Internet starts with you.' Parents can download information packs here:- <https://www.saferinternetday.org/>



Exceptional Weather

Please check the school opening information on St Joseph's website. Look at 'Open Check' service on the left hand side on the homepage on the school website.

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.



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 on 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!



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.

Parent View Online

Please be advised that the school is in an Ofsted inspection window. As part of the inspection process Ofsted check parents opinions – in the first instance by checking Parent View online. Currently our school does not have enough responses to form a report. It would be lovely if you could find the time to go online and register your view; just visit <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/> Of course lovelier still if parents who have lots of positive views take the time to fill in the survey ☺.



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 R	Joshua	-
Year 1	Teagan	Jessica
Year 2	Georgie	Toby
Year 3	Rhys	Anna
Year 4	Una	Aaron
Year 5	Ava	Victoria
Year 6	Tobi	Judith



Yours sincerely

Mrs J Sinclair
Head Teacher





Parents' contact email addresses

Child's Name: Year:

Parent email address (1)
(please write clearly)

Parent email address (2)
(please write clearly)

Signed: Date:
Parent/Guardian

I would/would not* prefer to have a paper of the newsletter. (Please delete which is not applicable)

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