



March 2018

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Dear Parents

The calendar is updated every month so please check.

DIARY OF EVENTS – SPRING 2018

MARCH	
Monday 5 th	Bring in bulbs for judging
Wednesday 7 th	Lunchtime - Year 4 Easter Enterprise Sale – junior classes to bring in pocket money (maximum £1.00 in change) London Children's Flower Society – bulb judging
Thursday 8 th	World Book Day celebrations – children dress up as their favourite character
Friday 9 th	9.15 am – Year 1 and 6 Class Mass in church – parents invited
Tuesday 13 th	Confessions with Fr Ignatius for those children who have made this sacrament
Wednesday 14 th	Lunchtime - Year 5 Easter Enterprise Sale – junior classes to bring in pocket money (maximum £1.00 in change) Catholic Schools Poetry Competition 7.00 pm – PTA meeting
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 Artists Year 5 and 6 to St Catherine's to watch Guys and Dolls – return to school by the end of the school day
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 available to book online – details to follow
Tuesday 27 th	11.15 am – CRIBS Easter Play 3.30 pm – 6.30 pm - Open Evening – appointments available to book online – details to follow
Wednesday 28 th	Lunchtime - Year 6 Easter Enterprise Sale – junior classes to bring in pocket money Townley Science Course – invited pupils Health Screening – Years 6 and R return permission slips previously sent to School Nursing Service
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)	
APRIL	
Tuesday 17 th	Children return to school Year 3 Trip to Kent Life – Stone Age Topic
Wednesday 18 th	Year 4 Theme Day – Alice in Wonderland
Monday 23 rd	St George's Day – Cubs, Scouts, Rainbows and Brownies wear uniform
Wednesday 25 th	7.00 pm – PTA Meeting
Thursday 26 th	9.15 am - Year 1 Class Assembly – parents invited 3.00 pm – 4.30 pm Year 1 and 2 Football Tournament
MAY	
Tuesday 1 st	Crowning of Our Lady assembly – each child to bring in 1 or 2 cut flower stems from the garden
Thursday 3 rd	9.15 am - Year 4 Class Assembly – parents invited
Monday 7 th	BANK HOLIDAY
Thursday 10 th	9.15 am – Holy Day of Obligation – Ascension – Mass at Church – parents invited
Monday 14 th	SATs week for Key Stage 2 begins
Friday 18 th	After School – PTA Inflatable Event – details to follow
Thursday 24 th	9.15 am – Year R Class Assembly – parents invited 7.00 pm – Summer Concert - Orchestra/Choir/Music Groups

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.profuturessoccer.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
Tuesdays	Young Film Makers Club – Mrs Hassan Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 Contact 07415 791401	3.15 – 4.15 pm 20 th February – 21 st 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.profuturessoccer.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



NEWSLETTER



Ofsted Report

Please find attached our official Ofsted report from the inspection on Thursday 1st February 2018. The report makes very enjoyable reading.

St Joseph's:

- A warm, welcoming, ambitious community
- Offers a rich curriculum which motivates pupils
- Pupils get off to a flying start
- Proportion of pupils achieving the expected standard in reading, writing and maths above national in Key Stage 1 and 2
- Good progress from starting points
- Pupils brim with enthusiasm
- Leadership is methodical and aspirational
- Excellent attendance
- Pupils feel safe and are kept safe in school
- Teachers are adept at questioning pupils to help think deeply

Next steps:

- To ensure more subject specific skills are taught
- That teaching routinely supports low attaining pupils

The report confirms what the school already knew and we will re-double our efforts in these areas.

Mrs Adams - Retires

Mrs Adams has worked at St Joseph's for 26 years as a Teaching Assistant and feels now is the right time to hang up her pencil case!

Over the years, Mrs Adams has assisted teachers, supported individual pupils and groups of children. She has contributed greatly to the quality of displays around the school and the close links with the parish. Both of these aspects of her work will be greatly missed.



She will leave at Easter. If you would wish to contribute towards her leaving present, please put your contribution into an envelope marked 'Mrs Adams – retirement collection' – c/o School Office.



Exceptional Weather – 'The Beast from the East'

Deciding to close the school is a difficult decision and one not taken lightly. The loss of learning time and the inconvenience to parents weigh heavily. These considerations must be judged against the accountability for keeping the school community safe.



A life changing accident for anyone, especially in the context of so many warnings, would not be bearable. Hopefully everyone made the most of the circumstances. Children and parents had time to experience the wonders of snowmen, snow angels and hot chocolate.

Staff had time to breathe and catch up on marking and planning. At best, a few days well spent ...

The London Children's Flower Society - Spring Bulb Competition

The spring bulbs will be judged at school on Wednesday 7th March 2018. Please ensure the children bring in their bulbs, even if they do not have a flower. Your child may like to provide a photograph of how their flower looked in full bloom. Good luck!



Open Evening for Parents

The school has invested in some software to allow parents to make open evening appointments online. A letter will be sent home on Friday 9th March 2018 with further details. Please look out for this – first come, first served!

World Book Day – Thursday 8th March 2018

All activities for Book Day have been rescheduled for this week. Please dress up as your chosen book character, bring a book to exchange with a class mate and enjoy the genre based dance themes.



Sponsored Spelling

Don't forget to send money in. Thank you for all the money received so far! School finances are extremely stretched and this support really helps with purchasing extra English resources.

Almsgiving in Lent – 'Easter Enterprise'

The junior Easter Enterprise fund raising events have started. Each class organise an enterprise. Parental support with prizes is much appreciated. The revised dates are:



Year 4 – Wednesday 7th March 2018

Year 5 – Wednesday 14th March 2018

Year 6 – Wednesday 28th March 2018

All junior children are invited to come to the event during lunchtime with a maximum of £1 pocket money to spend (small change please).



SATs Tests – Year 6

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

Summer Uniform

After the Easter break, children will be able to wear summer uniform. Please take note of the following.



- Boys -** Wear blue polo shirts, available to buy from the School Office. Grey tailored shorts if they wish.
- Girls -** Year 5 and 6 wear blue fitted blouses, available to order from the School Office. Samples of all sizes are available if you wish to look at them before ordering. White socks.
- Years R – 4 wear pale blue/white striped summer dresses, shoulders covered, available from Matthew's School Shop in Welling or from high street retailers. White socks.

Please find listed below a breakdown of the uniform prices:-

PE Bags	£3.50 each
Satchels	£6.50 each
Blue Polo Shirts	£8.00 each
Yr 5 and Yr 6 blouses	a separate letter will be sent to parents
Ties	£4.00 each
Sun hats	£3.50 each



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. February's winners were:

Year 6	Efosa	Rhys	Frankie
Year 5	Sophia	Billy	Eliam
Year 4	Charlie-James	Victoria	Oyinade
Year 3	Francis	Christina	Erin
Year 2	Erykah	Grace	Jazeel
Year 1	Teagan	Daisy	Samuel
Year R	Roxanne	Connie	Taseen

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Sinclair
Head Teacher