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DIARY OF EVENTS – SPRING 2009

MAY

- 4th Bank Holiday
- 7th 9.15 – Yr 3 Class Assembly
- 8th 2.30 - Yr R Class Mass
- 11th – 15th Yr 6 SATs
- 18th Yr 3 Trip – Science Museum
- 23rd First Holy Communion Mass

25th – 29th May – Half Term

Dear Parents

The dates above cover the important events in the schools calendar for the first half of the summer term. You will also find all newsletters on St Joseph's website

Sponsored Event

The final total we have raised for our sponsored event was £910.15. Thank you for your support.

SATS

Year 6 SATs are taking place between the 11th – 15th May 2009. Please ensure that your child is in attendance during this week. Absences during this time will not be authorised.

Good Shepherd Appeal

The Good Shepherd Appeal boxes were sent out to the children, on behalf of the Catholic Children's Society, which was taking place for Lent. Please could any outstanding boxes be returned to school by Friday 8th May 2009.

Walk Once a Week

In May, St Joseph's will be starting a new and exciting scheme called **WOW** (Walk Once a Week). The aim of the scheme is to encourage as many pupils as possible to walk to school instead of coming by car. Please see attached letter for further information.

Measles

We have recently had 3 mild cases of measles at school. I attach a self explanatory letter which I have received from the South East London Local Health Protection Agency.



Chicken Pox

We have had several reported cases of Chicken Pox in the Infants. Children with Chicken Pox need to be kept off school until all the spots have dried. This is usually 5-7 days from onset of spots appearing.

School Blouses

As you know, girls in Years 5 and 6 are allowed to wear open neck blouses during the summer term. Please note the style that is permitted at St Joseph's is only available to order from the school office or bought direct from our school uniform supplier, Matthews in Welling.

Active Kids 09 Sainsbury's Tokens

Thank you for your tokens so far. Please continue to send them into school. We are looking to use them for outdoor playground equipment/resources.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Parents,

Walk Once a Week

In May, St Joseph's will be starting a new and exciting scheme called **WOW** (Walk Once a Week). The aim of the scheme is to encourage as many pupils as possible to walk to school instead of coming by car.

How the scheme works

Every week, starting in May, the children will be recording the ways they travel to school on a large wall chart in their classroom. If they walk to school every week for the whole month they will receive a special badge as a reward. These badges are really attractive and very collectable, so I am sure your child will be eager to collect them all!

If you are unable walk the whole way to school, you could try walking just part of the way. Perhaps you could find a parking place about 5 - 10 minutes walk from the school and then walk that distance.

As a Healthy School, St Joseph's wants to encourage healthy living in every sense. Walking to school is a great way for your child to get some of the physical exercise they need. Walking to school is also a very sociable activity, where they can spend quality time with you, meet friends on the way and also discover things about their local environment.

One other key benefit is a reduction in congestion and pollution around the school gates at the start and end of the school day. Parents who drive short journeys to school can make up a large percentage of the rush hour traffic. By choosing to walk at least once a week, we could help cut the amount of traffic on the roads by 20%.

If you would like to learn more about this scheme then you can go to the following website:
http://www.walktoschool.org.uk/content/wow_scheme.php.

Yours sincerely

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Date 21 Apr. 09

To: Parents/Carers of children at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Dear Parent/Carer,

MEASLES

There has been a significant increase in the number of cases of confirmed and suspected measles both nationally and locally in South East London. Two suspected cases of measles have been notified to us from St Joseph's Catholic Primary School.

As measles is circulating locally, I strongly recommend that all children should have the MMR vaccine if they have not already had two doses.

MMR Vaccine

Those children, who have not had MMR vaccine at all, should have two doses one month apart.

Those children who have so far had only one dose of MMR should receive a second dose (at least one month after the first dose).

For those children who have not had MMR and have been in direct contact with a case of measles, parents should contact their doctor to discuss immunisation. This includes children under one year old who are too young to have had their MMR as yet.

Measles

I attach an information sheet on measles.

If you think that your child may have measles, please contact your doctor.

Children with suspected measles remain infectious for about five days after onset of the rash and should be kept away from school until after this time.

If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me or the duty doctor on the above telephone number.

Yours faithfully,

Sent by email
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