



DIARY OF EVENTS – AUTUMN 2009

DECEMBER



- 2nd Yr 1 Trip – Create-in Pottery
- 10th Non Uniform Day
- 11th 2.00 pm Nativity Production – Yr R, Yr 1, Yr 2 – ticket only
- 15th 9.15 am Whole School Mass in Church – coffee and mince pies for parents and parishioners
- 16th Children's Christmas Lunch – followed by Disco and Father Christmas
- 18th Last Day of Term



Children return on Tuesday 5th January 2010

Dear Parents

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

Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 16th December 2009

This year our Christmas Dinner will be on Wednesday 16th December. We are going to allow all children to have a Christmas dinner. If your child currently has a packed lunch and you wish your child to have a Christmas dinner please indicate on the slip below. We require the £1.85 payment no later than Monday 7th December 2009.

School Meals

We have had an overwhelming response from parents who would like to come in and try a school meal and are unable to take anymore requests. During the next couple of weeks parents will receive a letter inviting them during a lunchtime.

Nativity Yr R, 1 and 2 – 11th December

For Health and Safety reasons pushchairs will not be allowed in the main hall for the production. If you do need to bring a pushchair or pram they can be left in the entrance area. Please remember that we do not allow the use of videos at this event (still photography only).

Church Christmas Fayre/Non Uniform Day

St. Mary of the Cray's is holding a Christmas Fayre on Saturday 12th December. To support this event, the school is holding a non uniform day on Thursday 10th December. Please send your child in with a bottle for the bottle stall. Arrangements have been made for the bottles to be stored in the church hall.

Help the Aged Christmas Appeal

St Joseph's will again be supporting Help the Aged, a very worthwhile cause this Christmas – attached is a letter explaining about the Charity.

Church Fayre/Raffle Tickets

I have been asked to pass on the following message from St Mary's Christmas Fayre Committee:-

"First of all, a big thank you to everyone who has returned their tickets/stubs and money back. There has been a very good response so far.

There are, however, a few books still to come into the office so I should be most grateful if these could all be returned as soon as possible in order that we can sell the remaining tickets to the parish.

Once again, thank you so much of the contributions received so far."

Whole School Mass/Coffee Mince Pie Event – 15th December

Please would parents send in a box of mince pies from Monday 7th December onwards, for the coffee and mince pie event, which is taking place on the 15th December in the church hall. All welcome. Also raffle tickets for the St Joseph's Grand Prize Draw will be on sale at this event.

Cold Weather Warning

Should there be adverse weather conditions, please find listed below a new system that has been set up if the school is closed or will be closing early due to poor weather.

To check to see if the school is open the new Open Check service can be viewed on-line at <http://map.lgfl.org.uk/opencheck/default.aspx?la=303> You will need to scroll down the schools to select St Joseph's.

This link has also been included on the councils website on all pages under the 'Schools and Colleges' section. If there is a period where schools are likely to be closed due to inclement weather or other widespread unforeseen events then an update will also be put in a prominent location on the front page of the Bexley website with a link to the Open Check site.

For parents without access to the internet, the status can be checked by calling 0208 408 7508 and keying in our DCSF code which is 3033502. Details of this will also be put on our website.

Primary Admissions 2009

If your child is born between 1st September 2005 and 31st August 2006 they will be due to start school in the Autumn of 2010. The Bexley Common Application Forms (CAF) will be available from the school office. Supplementary Admission Forms will also be available either on line at the website address above or from the school office. The deadline for completion of the forms is 29th January 2010.



School Council Help

If there is a parent with wood working skills who would be willing to become involved in a small project with the School Council, please contact Miss Sharp. Thank you.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

**Miss P Reen
Head Teacher**

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RETURN NO LATER THAN MONDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2009

CHRISTMAS DINNER – 16TH DECEMBER – ONLY TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENTS WHOSE CHILDREN HAVE PACKED LUNCHES.

I would like my son/daughter to have a Christmas dinner this year.

Name of child/ren

Signed.....

I enclose £1.85 per child

