



1st February 2012

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Dear Parents,

The dates below cover the important events in the school's calendar for the Spring and the beginning of the Summer Term. You will also find all newsletters on St. Joseph's website. The events for each month are updated each term – please check for additions.

DIARY OF EVENTS – SPRING 2012	
FEBRUARY	
Thursday 2 nd	9.15 am – Year 6 Class Assembly – parents invited
Friday 3 rd	9.15 am – Years 3 and 5 Class Mass in Church – parents welcome pm – A celebration of Religion at the Angelus Centre – some of Year 4 attending
Wednesday 8 th	Year 4 trip to the National Maritime Museum – Vikings
Thursday 9 th	9.15 am – Year 2 Class Assembly – parents welcome
HALF TERM 13TH – 17TH FEBRUARY	
Monday 20 th	Parent Governor nominations due in by noon 7.00 pm PTA meeting in the school hall
Wednesday 22 nd	11.00 am Ash Wednesday – Whole School Mass – no parents on this occasion Water Aid Talk – KS1 and KS2
Friday 24 th	9.15 am – Years 1 and 6 Class Mass in Church – parents welcome
Tuesday 28 th	Community Police Talk on Keeping Safe
Wednesday 29 th	Year 6 Fund Raising Enterprise Event
MARCH	
Thursday 1 st	Car Story presentation – Year 3 – 6 – Road Safety Drama 1.30 pm Year 5 Confessions in Prayer Room Letters sent by 1 st class post from Bexley to parents notifying them of secondary school allocation decisions. Online decision available.
Friday 2 nd	Stations of the Cross – Year 4 Judging of Spring Bulb Competition
Tuesday 6 th	Cafod Presentation
Wednesday 7 th	Year 5 Fund Raising Enterprise Event
Thursday 8 th	Healthy Eating Workshops 2.00 – 3.00 pm (Bexley Care Trust) – parents invited. Year 3 Stations of the Cross
Friday 9 th	9.15 am – Years 2 and 4 Class Mass in Church – parents welcome

Tuesday 13 th	Bexley Children's Parliament – a number of School Council members attending
Wednesday 14 th	Year 4 Fund Raising Enterprise Event
Thursday 15 th	Year 4 Confessions
Friday 16 th	Year 6 Stations of the Cross
Monday 19 th	9.15 am - Whole School Mass - Feast of St Joseph – Years R – 6 - all parents welcome
Wednesday 21 st	Open Evening – appointment times to be sent our 2 weeks in advance
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Friday 23 rd	Year 5 - Stations of the Cross 7.30 pm Quiz Night – in school hall Olympic Flame Relay – to be confirmed
Monday 26 th	Easter Bonnet Competition
Tuesday 27 th	Year 5 to attend 'Pond Dipping' launch at Hall Place
Wednesday 28 th	Easter Egg Hunt – Years R, 1 and 2
Thursday 29 th	Easter Performance by CRIBs – Years R-6 Year 6 Confessions
Friday 30 th	Easter Service/Assembly – Years 3 and 4 – parents welcome
APRIL	
EASTER HOLIDAYS MONDAY 2ND – MONDAY 16TH APRIL Children Return on Tuesday 17th April 2012	
Wednesday 18 th	Offers sent to parents for Reception Class places
Friday 20 th	9.15 am Years 3 and 4 Class Mass in Church – parents welcome

Details of all our regular after school clubs are detailed below

Day	Club	Dates and Times
Mondays	Pro Soccer School Football Club Years 3-5	3.15 – 4.30 pm 9 th January – 26 th March 2012
Tuesdays	Pro Soccer School Drama and Performance Club Years 1-6	3.15 – 4.30 pm 10 th January – 27 th March 2012
Wednesday	Mr Boshell's Football Club Year 6	3.15 – 4.30 pm
Thursdays	Pro Soccer School Football Club Years 1-2	3.15 – 4.30 pm 12 th January – 29 th March 2012
Fridays	Dance Class Years 3-6	3.15 – 4.15 pm 13 th January 2012 – 17 th February 2012

Lent Fund Raising

Traditionally the season of Lent is a time for fund raising at St Joseph's. This year the junior classes will raise money for Cafod and Water Aid. Each junior class will hold a 'Mini Enterprise'. The idea is for children to come up with money making ideas and hold an event. The ideas could include, selling cakes, raffles, naming competitions (bears, dolls etc), guess the sweets in the jar to mention but a few. The organising class will set up and run the event at lunchtime. Other junior classes will be invited to spend some pocket money and take part. One event will be held each week:-

Year 6	Wednesday 29 th February
Year 5	Wednesday 7 th March
Year 4	Wednesday 14 th March
Year 3	Wednesday 21 st March

I thank you in advance for your support with prizes and spending money.

The infant classes will fundraise for the Cabrini Society. 'Little House' boxes will be sent home for children to fill with loose change. These will be collected before the Easter holidays.

Further to this, classes R, 1 and 2 will be invited to take part in an Easter Egg Hunt. Children will be asked to bring in £1 to take part. All profit will go to the Charities we are supporting this year.

Hearing Your Child Read

Learning to read and reading regularly are essential life skills. Research shows parental attitude and interest play an important part in reading development. Please hear your child read (every night would not be too much) and sign your child's Reading Record Book.

Free School Meals

It has come to my attention that some families entitled to free school meals are not taking advantage of this benefit. Registering for free school meals is a simple and confidential procedure. It benefits the family and child by providing a good meal during the day and also opens up the possibility of help with other costs, like music lessons and school trips. Further to this it benefits all students as the school receives additional funding called the 'Pupil Premium' which can be spent on a number of school improvement initiatives. Everyone wins! Even if your child has a packed lunch you can still apply. Please contact the School Office for further information.

Nut Allergies

We have a number of children who have a condition triggered by contact with any nut product. This is a serious condition and is life threatening. I am appealing to parents to consider not sending sandwiches or snacks that contain nuts. I thank you in advance for your support.



PTA

Following a meeting that was held on the 23rd January 2012, I am pleased to inform you that St Joseph's Parent Teacher Association has now been formed. We are looking forward to some exciting new events - a Quiz Night and a Summer Fete.

I attach an introductory letter from the PTA for your information. Further details i.e. minutes etc will be put on the parent's noticeboard and also on our website.

Parent Governor Vacancy

The school has a vacancy for a Parent Governor. Please find attached details including:-

- A nomination form and
- A tear-off slip to be returned by all parents to confirm receipt of information

The closing date for nominations is Monday 20th February 2012 at 12 noon.

The London Children's Flower Society

The Spring Bulbs will be judged at school on Friday 2nd March 2012. Please ensure the children bring in their bulbs even if they do not have a flower on week beginning Monday 27th February 2012. Even bulbs that are past their best will be judged. Your child may like to provide a photograph of how it looked in full bloom. All bulbs will still be judged. Hopefully the children have been nurturing their bulbs. Good luck!

Year 6 SATs Test Week

This end of Key Stage 2 tests will be held during the week beginning Monday 14th May 2012. It is essential all Year 6 children are in school during this week. Please do not under any circumstances book holiday during this period.

Easter Bonnet Competition

The Easter Bonnet Competition is here again on Monday 26th March 2012. We hope that the whole family will contribute towards the Easter creations at home giving the judges some difficult decisions to make!

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Sinclair
Head Teacher

