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May, the Month of Mary

May is the month when Catholics traditionally focus on Mary, the Mother of Jesus. The practice dates back at least 700 years and is still observed around the world today. May is seen as the beginning of new life and the start of summer, which makes this a logical time for the celebrations of Mary, who brought life into the world.



WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

16–20 MAY

We are always looking to encourage active and healthier travel to and from our school, as well as trying to reduce parking congestion outside our school.

Why not Park and Stride – and park your car further away from school and walk/scoot the last part of the journey?



ST JOSEPH'S BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB PLACES

Important Reminder

Monday 6th June Deadline.

An important reminder to parents currently using the Breakfast and After School Clubs – you must confirm the sessions you require for your child for the new school year from September 2022 **by Monday 6th June.**

Please email the school office to confirm your sessions. This is important as it helps us to plan for staffing and know the number of places left to allocate.

BISHOP DAVID VISIT & GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

On Thursday, Bishop David visited us. He was amazed to hear the wonderful singing of the children and he enjoyed chatting to everyone. Due to COVID, we were unable to celebrate the anniversary in any big way in school last year and it was decided that the visit of the Bishop was an ideal opportunity to at least mark the occasion with the children currently in the school. Earlier this year the children planted 5 flowers beds of daffodils to mark the decades of the school which looked lovely in the Spring. Later in the year we hope to take an aerial photo of all the children in the playground to also mark the occasion (more information to follow).

Bishop David stayed with us for the afternoon, blessed the school and joined us as we gave thanks to God for the 50 years St Joseph's school has been able to provide education and support to families. He presented the school with an anniversary rose from the Governors and little mementoes for the children and staff. To celebrate the anniversary and the visit of the Bishop a Plaque has been commissioned and will be displayed in the school hall.



LEAVE OF ABSENCE

We have noticed an increase in requests for leave of absence from school during term time. May we remind parents that the school cannot authorise absence during term time, **unless there are exceptional circumstances.** Please see term dates on the school website to ensure that children are in school on school days and that holidays are not booked in term time.

ALLERGIES AND NUTS IN SCHOOL

As we have a number of children who have a nut allergy, we ask that you do not send nuts or nut products into school for snacks or lunchtime. Please help us to keep all our children safe and healthy.



NO TURNING SPACE - HAZELL AVENUE

We urgently remind parents that there is **NO** turning space in the section of the road in front of the school gates. Drivers who are using this part of the road to turn their vehicle around are endangering children and pedestrians and frequently causing traffic congestion. We ask that you avoid driving into this section of the road. Please do not ask taxi drivers to use this area. The local police have noted vehicles contravening safety and highway regulations.

Please think about our children, other road users and local residents.



COLLECTION FROM SCHOOL AND PRE-SCHOOL

Please can we remind you that the school day finishes at 3.10 pm (Pre-School finishes at 3 pm) and that children should be collected promptly at the end of the school day. Whilst we will endeavour to find cover to look after your child in an emergency, staff are often needed to attend meetings and it can be extremely difficult to find safe cover for children who have not been collected. It is much better for your child to go home at their normal time as they can become distressed when parents do not show up to collect them or they have to wait with unfamiliar adults often in rooms different to what they are used to.

This can be avoided by ensuring that you or a nominated person can always collect on time or when requested. There have been a number of incidents of unwell children having to wait for an hour or more to be collected because parents did not have a standby plan in place. This is distressing for children and would have been a very serious matter in an emergency.

Late Collection Protocol

We are obliged, under safeguarding guidance, to seek advice from social services 30 minutes beyond the collection time, if the school does not hear from a parent and has been unable to contact parents or named emergency contacts.

This alerts the safeguarding authority to the possibility of a serious matter, such as parents in an accident and the possibility that police and social care team may need to take charge of a child.

School will continue to try to contact parents and update social services until a plan is in place and social services or police take over the matter.

Please note that frequent un-agreed late collections will be brought to the attention of the Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) and may result in a safeguarding referral to social care due to the impact on the child of late collections.

To avoid unnecessary stress to your child and yourself please ensure that the school has at least 2 emergency contacts who can be contacted in regard to collection of your child if you are unable to when requested, or at the expected collection time.

Whilst we appreciate it can be difficult sometimes to be on time for collection, having a standby plan, keeping in touch with the school and ensuring you have emergency contacts in place is in the best interest of your child's well-being and safety, and your peace of mind.

SUN HATS, SUN CREAM & WATER BOTTLES

As the weather improves please ensure that your child has a named sun hat with them at school and a spare drink of plain water in a named bottle.

We actively encourage children to protect themselves from the harmful rays of the sun. If you need to send a sun product in with your child, they will be asked to apply it themselves under the supervision of staff.

SUMMER UNIFORM

Children in school are able to wear the summer uniform as the weather gets warmer in the Summer term. Please ensure all items are named. The Summer uniform is as follows:

Blue check dress or blue check culotte dress, school cardigan or jumper.

Grey shorts or trousers, white polo shirt or short sleeved white collared shirt. - no tie.

Further information about school uniform is available on the school website.

<https://www.stjosephsrcinfant.bucks.sch.uk/Parents/Uniform/>

CELEBRATING THE QUEEN'S 70TH (PLATINUM) JUBILEE



Red White & Blue Fun Day

Friday 27th May.

Wear RED WHITE & BLUE or dress to impress the Queen!

ALERT – Use of Almond Oil in Nivea Sun Protect and Care Products for Children

Important information

It has come to the attention of the St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust (STCAT) that Nivea are using Almond Oil in Nivea Sun Protect and Care Products for Children.

In the interest of safety, please consider using an alternative product that does not contain Almond Oil to reduce risks of any reaction to our children.

TERM DATES 2022
ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC INFANT SCHOOL
Please note School and Pre-School dates may differ slightly

	Open on morning of:	Close at end of afternoon of
Summer Term 2022	Monday 25 th April	Friday 27 th May
	Monday 6 th June	<u>Tuesday 19th July (School)</u> <u>Wednesday 13th July (Pre-School)</u>
Autumn Term 2022	Tuesday 6 th September	Friday 21 st October
	Wednesday 2 nd November	Tuesday 20 th December Pre-School date to be confirmed

FUTURE INSET DAYS 2021/22: Wednesday 20th July 2022


More information about current term dates and future Buckinghamshire Council term dates can be found on the school website (Key Information >Term Dates).

Please also see the 2022/23 Academic Calendar below.

St Joseph's Catholic Infant School 2022/23 Academic Calendar

Please note that Pre-School dates may differ slightly from the School dates below

St Joseph's Catholic Infant School - 2022/23 Academic Calendar



	Pupil Days	Bank holidays	School holidays	Inset Days (School Closed to Pupils)	Transition Days
Sep-22	Mon 29, Tue 30, Wed 31, Thu 1, Fri 2, Sat 3, Sun 4				
Oct-22	Mon 3, Tue 4, Wed 5, Thu 6, Fri 7, Sat 1, Sun 2				
Nov-22	Mon 7, Tue 1, Wed 2, Thu 3, Fri 4, Sat 5, Sun 6				
Dec-22	Mon 5, Tue 6, Wed 7, Thu 1, Fri 2, Sat 3, Sun 4				
Jan-23	Mon 2, Tue 3, Wed 4, Thu 5, Fri 6, Sat 7, Sun 1				
Feb-23	Mon 6, Tue 7, Wed 1, Thu 2, Fri 3, Sat 4, Sun 5				
Mar-23	Mon 6, Tue 7, Wed 1, Thu 2, Fri 3, Sat 4, Sun 5				
Apr-23	Mon 3, Tue 4, Wed 5, Thu 6, Fri 7, Sat 1, Sun 2				
May-23	Mon 1, Tue 2, Wed 3, Thu 4, Fri 5, Sat 6, Sun 7				
Jun-23	Mon 5, Tue 6, Wed 7, Thu 1, Fri 2, Sat 3, Sun 4				
Jul-23	Mon 3, Tue 4, Wed 5, Thu 6, Fri 7, Sat 1, Sun 2				
Aug-23	Mon 7, Tue 1, Wed 2, Thu 3, Fri 4, Sat 5, Sun 6				