



St John Fisher Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents

We are almost through the autumn term and what a busy term we have had. The children have worked hard and many of them have had shown amazing progress in their work, behaviour and attitudes to learning. It is wonderful watching the children grow in confidence and rise to all challenges set for them.

Key dates for DECEMBER

Wednesday 13 th December	Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 13 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 14 th December	Year 3 Trip to Greenwich
Friday 15 th December	EYFS AND KS1 NATIVITY @2pm
Monday 18 th December	Tables/Spelling Kings and Queens
Tuesday 19 th December	Christmas Party Day
Wednesday 20 th December	End of Year School Mass 10am
Thursday 21 st December	Break up for Christmas at 1.30pm
Friday 22 nd December	INSET DAY - STAFF
Monday 8 th January 2024	INSET DAY - STAFF
Tuesday 9 th January 2024	Back to school
Wednesday 17 th January	Open Evening



PARKING NOTICE

The traffic at drop off and collection times is causing residents some issues.
During the School run please try to park by the flats at the end of Kale Road.
We are trying to encourage the children to walk to school so this is an ideal opportunity to compromise and walk part way.
Let us work together for the safety of all.

Christmas Parties

All classes will be having their parties on

Tuesday 19th December

Children to come to school in their party clothes
(NO SCHOOL UNIFORM)

Please send in food on the day.

Food required:-
Crisps Biscuits Sweets Drinks



Rock the Baby

Come and watch the splendour of the Nativity retold by Year 2, Year 1 and Reception on

Friday 15th December.

This is a must see event - don't be late as you will not get through the gate.

Starts at 2pm - door opens at 1.45pm

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Wednesday 13th December

Come to school wearing a Christmas Jumper! Children can wear jeans on this day.





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Wednesday 13th December Christmas Lunch

Children who normally have a packed lunch are invited to join us and enjoy a delicious Christmas Dinner.



Please speak to Mrs Pooley in the school office

Advent

Advent in school is a period of great excitement and preparation for Christmas. The children have been busy practising for their Nativity play or carol singing for the elderly with growing anticipation of the festivities to come. It is important that we remember the real meaning of Advent with the children. At this time of year we need to remember that Advent comes from the Latin *advenio*, "to come to," and refers to the coming of Christ.

Adverse Weather Conditions

In the case of adverse weather conditions where the school may be closed please check the school website www.sjf.bexley.sch.uk

We will also send out a text to all parents - please make sure we have the correct contact numbers for you in the school office

If for some reason the school website is unavailable then you can go straight to the Schools Opencheck site <https://opencheck.atomwide.com/Default.aspx>

Parents without internet access can phone

020 8408 7508 and enter the school's DfE number which is 3033505 to get the same information, or as a last resort you can phone the Bexley Contact Centre on 020 8303 7777.

We have had a number of amazing comments from members of the public about the fantastic behaviour of our children whilst out on school trips.

WELL DONE children!
You make us very proud.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Parents please remember that we need emergency contact numbers for each family should we need to contact you during the day.

We have had a number of families who have given emergency numbers but the contact person is at work and cannot come for an extended period of time.

An emergency contact should be and willing to come to the school should an emergency arrive within 30 minutes of being called.

BACK TO SCHOOL

Tuesday 9th January 2024

Please contact the school office if you have any concerns. Thank You for your continued support!

LAST DAY OF TERM

Thursday 21st December
School finishes at
1.30pm

'Christmas is joy, religious joy, an inner joy of light and peace.' Pope Francis





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SJF FAITH LEADERS

Estelle - Amberine - Efe-Valerie -Geraldine - Joel - Kene - Jamal

Let me take this opportunity to update you on our Faith Leaders program, which has been an integral part of our pupils' spiritual development.

Our Faith Leaders continue to meet weekly to lead prayers and discussions on important topics.

The Faith leaders have covered the themes of Mercy, Love, Hope, and being thankful. These discussions have provided a valuable opportunity for our children to reflect on these virtues and how they relate to their own lives. The children have shown a great level of engagement and understanding during these sessions.

It's important to note that the prayers led by the Faith Leaders are always linked to activities that aim to help the children better understand the Gospel of the Lord. This approach helps to contextualise the concepts and teachings in a tangible and relatable manner for our pupils.

Thank you for your continued partnership in nurturing the holistic development of our pupils



SJF MINI VINNIES

Ezinne - Joyann - Danielle - Keziah - Aba - Valerie - Vanessa - Bula - Islam

Our SJF Mini Vinnies demonstrate how they are the religious and spiritual voice of the school - filled with God's love by their willingness to help others, as they put their faith into action by being.

The group meets on a regular basis to pray, discuss concerns they may have and plan events to help live out the group's motto of 'Turning Concern into Action'. Our Mini Vinnies embrace the three key points to: 'see', 'think' and 'do'.

This aim also fits in perfectly with the key principles of Catholic Social Teaching

We need to remember that our children are all gifts from God and through them we can learn so much. Yes, as parents and leaders we are here to guide and teach them the ways of the Lord - but do we stop often enough and let them lead us?

These words from the Gospel of Mark are a reminder to us all that as adults we need to keep our childlike faith alive and never forget our trust and dependence on Christ.

'And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.' Mark 10:13-16

