



"We are called to be the hands and face of Jesus as we learn, love and grow together"

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all and I hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas.

As the children are back on Monday 8th January, I would like to take the opportunity to build on our recent successful OFSTED inspection as we continue this journey together. I am excited at our prospects for the future, and ask for your continued support in regards to a few matters;

Uniform

Our school colours are emerald green and navy. The compulsory school jumpers or cardigans are emerald green with our school logo. These are available direct from Smarty Schoolwear: Unit 2, Mulberry House, Park Place Plaza, Stevenage, SG1 1BF; 01707 263909; customerservice@smartyschoolwear.co.uk; www.smartyschoolwear.co.uk. Alternatively, they can be purchased second-hand from our PSA for a small contribution. Please ask at the school office should you need any further information.

The uniform is as follows:

- Winter– navy tailored trousers (long or short), navy skirt, pinafore dress; School emerald green sweatshirt with logo; a white shirt, blouse or polo shirt.
- Summer – as winter or a dress in emerald green/light green check or stripe. School jumpers or cardigan. Pupils require a change of shoes for indoor use (ideally plimsolls). All school footwear must be black.

PE Kit

Children wear their PE kit to school on PE days. Plain white T shirt, plain navy sports shorts or navy jogging bottoms (no logos). Plimsolls for indoor games. School jumper or cardigan.

KS2 only: Black Trainers for outdoor games. Navy Tracksuit for cold weather (no logos). Alternatively, navy tracksuit (no logos) bottoms and school jumper or cardigan. Plain white T shirt (no logo)

Jewellery Children may wear a small pair of plain stud earrings (no hoops) and a watch (not a smart watch). Jewellery should not be worn on PE days or should be removed. If you wish your child to have their ears pierced this should take place at the



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beginning of the summer holidays to ensure the ears are healed before returning in September.

Hairstyles Hair should be kept tidy and presentable. High fashion styles, including colours are not permitted.

Attendance

Regular attendance at school is incredibly important and absence is closely monitored by the school and the Attendance Improvement Officer from Hertfordshire County Council. Late attendance is also monitored. Classroom doors open at 8:45am and close at 9am. Please ensure your child is in their classroom by 9am. The main school finishes at 3:15pm. Last term, we had an increasing number of children arriving and being picked up late. Please ensure you are on time. Thank you.

Holidays / School Absence

Current legislation does not allow us to authorise any family holidays or leave that is not urgent. Breaks from school are detrimental to children's education and friendships.

Please ensure wider family members are aware so surprise trips and visits are not arranged within term time.

As always, I thank you for your continued support and am looking forward to working with you all.

A New Year Blessing

May the New Year bring you joy, peace, and abundant blessings. Here's to looking back in gratitude for the past year and looking forward to new beginnings!

Wishing you a year filled with opportunities, good health, and prosperity.

God's blessing to you and yours!

See you all bright and early on Monday morning!



Alexandra Whitty
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

Y5 Drumming Workshops begin

Mass (Y6)

Parents' Phonics Meeting

Mass (Y5)

Y1 Mistral Assembly

Thursdays 1:30pm – 3:15pm

Fri 12th January 9:30am St Joseph's

2:30pm Fri 26th January

2nd February 9:30am St Joseph's

2:30pm Friday 9th February



Mass (Y4)
Ash Wednesday

9th February 9:30am St Joseph's
14th February 11am (pupils only)

Y1 Stein Assembly
Mass (Y3)
Half Term
Drama Workshops
Mass (Y2)
Easter Raffle Tickets on Sale
World Book Day
Mass (Y1)
Reconciliation
Y2 Assembly
Be Spirited
Open Morning
Parents Consultations
Parents Consultations
Holy Week Service
Last Day of Spring Term

2:30pm 16th February
16th February 9:30am St Joseph's
w/ c 19 February
Morning of Thursday 29th February (Nur, Rec, Y1)
1st March 9:30am St Joseph's
6th March
7th March
8th March 9:30am St Joseph's
8th March - 10:30am -11:50pm (Y4,5,6)
2:30pm 8th March
W/ C 11th March (in school event)
Friday 15th March 8:35am- 9:15am)
Monday 25th March 3:30pm – 7:30pm
Tuesday 26th March 3:30pm – 5:30pm
Wednesday 27th March 11am (pupils only)
Thursday 28th March -2pm Finish

