



30th September 2020

Dear Parents

RE: IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Thank you for working with us to ensure everyone's safety during the current pandemic. School continues to run as normal with the staggered start and collection times now in place. Please do not arrive too early as it will not be possible to admit you to the playground. Five minutes prior to your start and collection time is sufficient.

We have received a number complaints from local residents who have photographed some of our parents parking dangerously on the pavement on Crown Dale. They have sent the information to the Local Councils and to the Police Traffic enforcement department. It is dangerous to obstruct pathways and presents a bad image of the school in our local community. Please park considerately and preferably down a side road where you are not obstructing traffic and causing a danger to pedestrians.

Please add the following key dates to your diary:

Y6 APPLICATION TO SECONDARY SCHOOL – DEADLINE 31ST OCTOBER (please remember to fill in your CAF form for your Local Authority, together with the supplementary form for the schools requiring it).

Y2 APPLYING FOR YEAR 3 FOR SEPTEMBER 2021 – DEADLINE 15TH JANUARY 2021

RECEPTION APPLICATIONS – DEADLINE 15TH JANUARY 2021

Applications for the Infant and Junior school – please complete your Local Authority CAF form and the supplementary form for our school

Owing to current restrictions, we are unable to hold our open days during school time. Please do contact the school office to make an appointment for a virtual tour or to visit out of school hours. Groups will be restricted to six per session and we will be hosting several sessions on a Saturday, the first one is 3rd October 2020 from 9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. Do pass the word around to other families who may be looking for a place in September or even now, as we have a few spaces available in year groups.

HALF TERM HOLIDAY PROVISION

We are delighted to be working with Camp Allstars. They will be based at St Joseph's over the October Half term holiday. Camp Allstars are a Multi-Activity camp and an Ofsted Registered provider for children aged 4- 11 years. They have been running since Summer 2018 at St Mary's Lodge. (Virgo Fidelis Preparatory School)

Camp Allstars, is not your typical multi activity camp - children have the freedom to explore their own creativity, design parts of their day or just relax (there are many readers who love to just relax with a book for part of the day). The schedule has been designed in conjunction with sports coaches, arts teachers and other professionals engaged with children; Camp Allstars are fortunate to be surrounded by many people, who are passionate and believe in the aims and objectives of Camp Allstars. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Camp Allstars on 07983 818 192. Please see the attached poster for details. St Joseph's pupils will receive a 10% discount.

PATHWAY STONES

Thank you to the PTA for organising a collection of stones at the infant exit on Woodend. Please take one, decorate it and place it on the path. A number of children and staff have painted stones and put them in place. Please do not remove them. The idea is that we create a bright and vibrant school path reflecting our school community. Please do support this wonderful project and invest your time to paint a stone.

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTIONS

Our parent Governors, Ms Miranda Curran and Mrs Varlie Zukowska have completed their term of office, which means we now have two vacancies on the Governing board. Please contact me as soon as possible, on head@st-josephs-jun.croydon.sch.uk if you are interested in standing for the post and I will email you the application form and information.

VIRTUAL MARATHON

Mrs Mangan and Mrs Gallagher will be participating in a virtual marathon on Sunday, 4th October. Mrs Gallagher will be completing the 26 miles in Sidcup and Mrs Mangan in the local area. She hopes to finish her marathon at school by 2.30 p.m. It would be wonderful if you can spare some time to cheer her along her journey or better still join us at school on Sunday from 2.00 p.m. to welcome her to the finish line.

MUFTI DAY – FRIDAY, 2ND OCTOBER 2020

To raise money towards St Christopher's Hospice, we will be holding a mufti day on Friday and ask that you bring in £1 or a donation of your choice. Children and adults in school will aim to run / walk 3 miles over the week in support.

Despite the many challenges we face, we have much to be grateful and celebrate. Children will be starting their topic of 'Our Heritage' where they will find out about many significant people from the past and present who have had a positive impact on society. This topic is about celebrating our heritage and the diversity of our community. So please do spend time talking to your child about their heritage. We are hoping to put together a book of memories, with photographs and comments, together with a recipe book of favourite dishes from around the world. Information will be sent to you shortly.

Thank you for your support

Yours sincerely



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