



NEWSLETTER

January 2018

2018
Happy New Year

Happy New Year and welcome back to Term 3. I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and may I extend my thanks to the children, parents and friends for cards, gifts and good wishes.

I would also like to thank you for attending the Infant Nativity play "A King is Born" and the Junior Carol Service "Hosanna Rock". I am, as always very proud of the children. I would like to thank the staff who give so much of their time and in particular, Mrs Sproates, Mrs Reid and Mrs Wiltshire and their teams for their enthusiasm and energy.



Our thanks go out to the PTA and all those who helped at and supported our **CHRISTMAS FAIR**. The Fair raised over £1300 for the school - a huge thank you all.

Primary Admissions for September 2018

Closing date Monday 15th January

If you have a child who was born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014 you need to apply for a school place now. The closing date for applications on line, which is strongly recommended, is **Monday 15th January**.

Paper applications must be returned **directly** to the Admissions Team on the same date. The latter should be sent to admissions directly **not to the school**. We advise paper applications be sent by recorded delivery to ensure you have proof of your application. If you are applying to St Joseph's a supplementary form and priest's form is also required, as well as original baptism and birth certificates.

Mrs. Millership is still unwell and is unlikely to return to school this term. Mrs. Reid will continue to manage any SEN matters that arise in the meantime. We send Mrs. Millership our love and best wishes for a speedy recovery.



ROTARY TOY COLLECTION

Santa collected toys to be distributed to needy children in the local community. This annual visit was eagerly awaited and a delightful interlude for the children.

Parents Consultations

There will be a Parent Consultation sessions on Wednesday 7th February and it will follow the same model as in November when there will also be opportunities for book scrutiny and you can comment on what you observed.

Wednesday 7th February: The school will close at 1.30 for all children, with appointments beginning at 1.45. Again the After School club will run as usual. For parents who have difficulty collecting children at this time, supervision will be arranged until the end of the school day, but we must know numbers by Friday 2nd February.

Children are not expected to attend consultation sessions. Should there be any difficulties, I am happy to supervise school age children on the chairs outside the hall.

Appointment times can be booked from **Wednesday 31st January** in the playground; through the office or via the homework diary. Appointment times cannot be guaranteed through the latter two methods, but we will do our utmost to accommodate preferences. Parents who cannot attend on those dates should make other arrangements at a time convenient to the class teacher. Children with SEN support, as defined by the new SEND Code and arrangements, will be contacted by the class teacher to arrange a longer appointment. **Written reports will follow on the 2nd of March.**

Request for Pants and Knickers

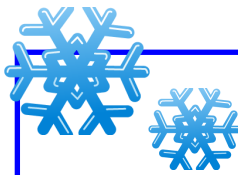
We are always grateful for donations of clean pants and knickers in case of accidents in school.

UNIFORM SHOP

The PTA now have a shop inside the school which is very tidy and well stocked with good quality used items. Please do come to the school for your uniform needs

UNIFORM REMINDER

It is permitted for girls to wear grey trousers during the Winter months up until the end of March when we break for the Easter holidays..



SEVERE WEATHER

Should we be affected by severe weather the school will endeavour to stay open as long as the safety of children is not in question.

Should closure be necessary, the following will happen:

- *As soon as possible, advice will be put on the school website and you will receive an email or text.*
- *Similarly, if bad weather occurs when the school is in session, parents can collect children early to avoid difficulties.*

If you are worried about the conditions for travel and want to keep your child at home, please inform the school.



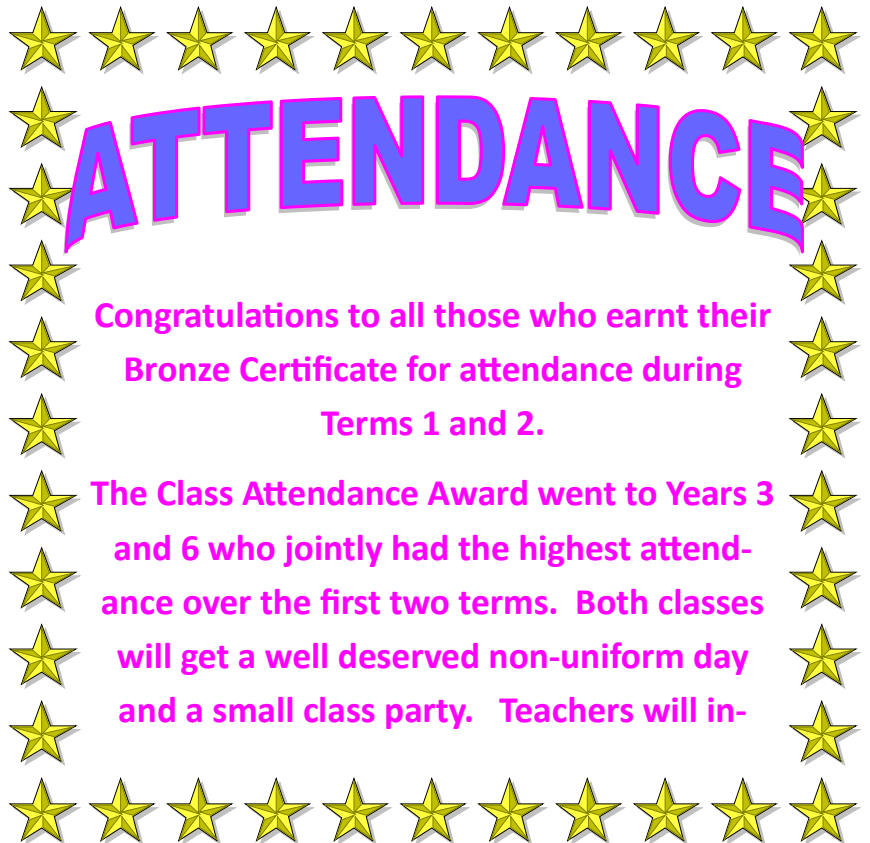
Can we begin the New Year with some parking resolutions. Please park with consideration for fellow drivers and most importantly for the safety of children Under no circumstances park in the middle of the road to drop or collect children. There will be spot checks from the traffic police in Terms 3 and 4.

Remember the front car park is for staff only. Parents dropping off or collecting for Morning, Afternoon Clubs or any other school activities should park in Crawford Road or surrounding roads parallel to the



Pixl Classes

Maths Pixl classes will resume on Monday and Tuesday 22nd and 23rd of January and English Pixl on 24th and 26^h January respectively. The children currently working with myself and formerly with Mrs Millership will continue to attend classes and there will be a review just before the February Spring holiday to see if they continue or if 'gaps' have been addressed. **There is no need to bring in your children early for the classes as they will commence during registration at 8.45.**



Congratulations to all those who earned their Bronze Certificate for attendance during Terms 1 and 2.

The Class Attendance Award went to Years 3 and 6 who jointly had the highest attendance over the first two terms. Both classes will get a well deserved non-uniform day and a small class party. Teachers will in-



Lenten Appeal

There will be a non-uniform day on the 9th of March for CAFOD.

FAMILY ENGLISH

In Partnership with Kent Adult Education we will be running a FAMILY ENGLISH course in school from Thursday 22nd February until Thursday 10th May. Further details will be sent to you by email and will be advertised on the school noticeboards shortly.

Joke of the month.....

"I'm learning the hokey cokey. Not all of it but... I've got the in's and out's"



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 11th January	Year 6 Assembly—9.15 am Parents welcome
Thursday 25th January	Year 5 Assembly—9.15 am Parents welcome
Wednesday 7th February	Parent Consultations from 1.45 pm
Thursday 8th February	Year 4 Assembly—9.15 am Parents welcome
Friday 9th February	Inset Day—Children do not attend
Monday 12th—Friday 16th February	Early Spring break
Monday 19th February	School resumes for Term 4
Thursday 22nd February	Year 3 Assembly—9.15 am Parents welcome
Thursday 1st March	World Book Day
Friday 2nd March	Reports go out
Tuesday 6th March	Jane Clarke—Visiting Author
Thursday 8th March	Year 2 Assembly—9.15 am Parents welcome
Friday 9th March	Non-Uniform day—Lenten Appeal for CAFOD
Friday 16th—Monday 19th March	Year 6 PGL Activity Weekend
Tuesday 20th March	Festival of Song
Thursday 22nd March	Year 1 Assembly—9/15 am Parents welcome
Friday 23rd March	St. Joseph's Mass (TBC) 2pm at school. Parents welcome
Thursday 29th March— Friday 13th April	Easter holidays
Monday 16th April	School resumes for Term 5

**There are various Sporting fixtures throughout Terms 3 and 4 –
Individuals or classes will be informed accordingly**

**PLEASE BE AWARE THAT KS2 SAT'S TESTS TAKE PLACE DURING THE WEEK
MONDAY 14TH TO FRIDAY 18TH MAY 2018.
ASSESSMENTS FOR KS1 WILL TAKE PLACE THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE OF MAY THEREFORE
HOLIDAY ABSENCE WILL NOT BE PERMITTED DURING THE MONTH OF MAY**



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School TERM DATES 2017-2018

Kent
Catholic
Schools
Partnership



Term 1

(34 days) Start 5th September 2017
End 20th October 2017



Term 2

Start 31st October 2017 (36 days)
End 19th December 2017

Term 3

(27 days) Start 4th January 2018
End 8th February 2018



Term 4

Start 19th February 2018
End 29th March 2018 (29 days)

Term 3

(28 days) Start 16th April 2018
End 25th May 2018



Term 6

Start 5th June 2018 (36 days)
Ends 24th July 2018

Inset Days

Monday	4 th September 2017	Friday	9 th February 2018
Monday	30 th October 2017	Monday	4 th June 2018
Wednesday	20 th December 2017	Spring Bank Holiday	Monday 7 th May