



NEWSLETTER

*We are growing together on our journey of achievement
with Jesus in our hearts, heads and hands*

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Monday 14th January 2019



On behalf of the St. Joseph's staff, may we take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year! We hope you enjoyed the Christmas break and that the few days that followed.

We would like to express our gratitude for all the Christmas gifts, cards and well wishes we received at the end of term.

It was lovely to see the pupils returning back to school safely and with enthusiasm for the term ahead. We would like to offer a Prayer for the new year.

Dear Lord,

We pray that this New Year will bring us closer to You.

May we take the time to get to know You.

***Help us to truly celebrate the gifts You have graciously given us
and use them to serve You and spread Your word,***

***May we also see and love you in all the people we meet,
so that in turn, they can see You in us.***

Amen.

We would like to make you aware of some changes for this term.

We are pleased to welcome back Ms Sharon Elliott-Walker our SendCo, following a term's secondment as Acting Head of School at St Francis.

She is looking forward to meeting parents at the IEP day on Monday 21st January.

For any parent who wishes to contact Ms Elliott-Walker, she can be contacted via school office or directly s.elliott-walker@stjosephsbracknell.co.uk

As always, please contact the headteacher or deputy headteacher if you have any questions or concerns about your child; we are always looking to improve our school and welcome your suggestions.

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***All class teachers have a direct email and will try to reply within 48 hours.**

Winter Disco

Due to reasons outside our control, the Disco has been moved to

Friday 1st February @ 6.00pm-7.30pm.

Flyers have been sent home and should be returned via PTA post-box
by Friday 25th January.



Sweets

A gentle reminder about sweets and birthday treats!

Pupils are not permitted to bring sweets into school at all. This is in lunch bags but also when it is their birthday. Although it is very kind to share with peers, last year staff took this decision for a number of reasons.

We try to promote a healthy eating approach and realised that some weeks there were 2-4 birthdays in a class so children were taking endless treats home and therefore a high consumption of sugar. We were made aware that many families had gone sugar-free so to remain healthier and inclusive we explored changing the rules!

We have a number of children with health issues and allergies who cannot eat all food products and it is potentially dangerous for them to consume foods their parents have not approved. Therefore, we cannot permit handing out of any foods in school.

Finally, the treats were becoming very competitive and grand and many parents were feeling pressure to spend a lot of money on birthday treats for the class when they had many, more important, financial commitments. It was reported that a child had commented on someone's sweets being 'cheap' and we never want any parent or pupil to feel their treats are not good enough. We are striving for a fair society. We thank you in advance for your support in this and trust you will support us by not permitting your child to bring sweets into school.

On a birthday, each child receives a 'dojo' and the class sing Happy Birthday to them. They also get the chance to wear the class badge which is a lovely way to show the whole school it is their special day.

We will continue to have 'cake sales' as a way to raise money for charity and also allow sweets at special events such as disco, cinema and panto. For each of these, we check all children can consume the sweets to ensure it fits with individual health care plans. All in all, a safer, healthier and more equal approach!



Dogs

We do not permit dogs on school property.

We have displayed notices on the school gates but would like to make parents and also grandparents aware that unless the dog is a guide dog or approved therapy dog, they will need to be tied up at the main gates.



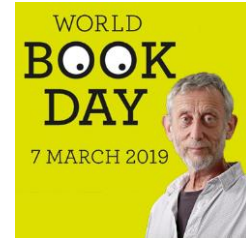
Parking

Vehicles are not permitted to use the school car park unless they have permission from the headteacher. It is essential everyone follows this rule as it is extremely dangerous for cars to be driving when there are pupils on site. People using morning club, and anyone collecting from After school club **after 4.45**, should be reminded to drive cautiously at all times. If you make arrangements for another person to collect your child, please inform them of this rule.

E-Safety

If your child is downloading apps please follow the link as they have put together a list of age-appropriate apps that'll help your child get the best out of the internet.

https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/guidance/child-friendly-apps-your-children-will-enjoy/?gclid=EAlaIQobChMIgfbWssbl3wIVKLftCh1P0AXLEAAYASAAEgly9PD_BwE



Book Day – Dress Up Day!

This year's World Book Day is **Thursday 7th March.**

We are planning some exciting activities for the children and it would be wonderful to see as many as possible dressed as a character from a book.

If any parent or grandparent would like to come in and read an extract from a children's book, please inform your class teacher. It would be particularly good to share books from other cultures and maybe story time in different languages too.

GOOD NEWS!

We are delighted that our school's excellent results have been recognised in the top ten schools list.

<https://www.inyourarea.co.uk/news/the-top-10-primary-schools-in-bracknell-forest/>

Advent Charities Update

We are very proud of the money our pupils raised during Advent 2018.

- *Year R did a sponsored water walk and raised a whopping £190 for WaterAid.*
- *Year 2 had a cake sale and raised £67.40 for Daisy's Dream*
- *Year 3 collected a very generous amount of items for the Foodbank.*
- *Year 4 donated lovely gifts for the Bracknell Life House and SVP.*
- *Year 5 held a crazy hair day and raised £70.30 for Save the Children.*
- *Year 6 wore crazy socks to school which raised £21*

All the charities are very grateful for the amount raised so thank you to everyone involved.

Feeling the pinch this January? You're not alone.

Half the population start the year in the red. Christmas and New Year spending is just one of the reasons that we often start the year overdrawn and in debt. There has been pressure to buy the kids the latest toys and go overboard with all the trimmings. Most of us also end up spending more than we can afford on food and drink over the festive season. But saving just a little each week or month throughout the year can make a big difference and add up to a tidy sum by the end of the year. But maybe you're not sure how to go about this?

Berkshire Credit Union (BCU) may be able to help. Credit unions are not for profit, community institutions, owned and controlled by their members — the people who save and borrow with it. Bank of England figures that for the early part 2018, in the UK, over 2 million people were members of a credit union. This can often provide a vital alternative to payday or door step lending and loan sharks. And typically, saving as little as just £10 a month, for three months, with the Berkshire Credit Union means being able to access a range of affordable loans and pay back what you owe, over a time period tailored to suit personal circumstances.

Among the services on offer at BCU are ways to allocate money for regular bills, ways to save just a little every month, a pre-paid Visa card and a range of affordable loans at fair interest rates. Your money is completely safe in the Berkshire Credit Union too, as like banks, it is fully regulated by the Bank of England, the Financial Conduct Authority and the Prudential Regulation Au-thority.

So why not consider joining one of the country's fasting growing movements? Find out more about the Berkshire Credit Union and how to become a member by going to our website at:

<https://www.cslberks.org.uk/>

Or you can come and talk to a volunteer at one of our Contact Points.
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Berkshire Credit Union
savings and loans for the community

Want to feel more in control of your money?

Budget better and save for emergencies?

Access to affordable loans?

Why not come along and have a chat with a trained volunteer at one of the Berkshire Credit Union's Contact Points at any of these locations:

- **Mondays –10am to 12pm**

St Paul's Church, The Square, Ralphs Ride, Bracknell, RG12 9LP

AND

St Joseph and St Margaret Clitherow, 39, Braccan Walk, Bracknell, RG12 1BE

- **Tuesdays – 10am to 12pm**

St Joseph and St Margaret Clitherow, 39, Braccan Walk, Bracknell, RG12 1BE

- **Wednesdays – 2:15pm to 4:15pm**

Crown Wood School, Opladen Way, Bracknell RG12 0PE

- **Thursdays - 10am to 12pm**

Holy Trinity Church, The Langley Hall, The Ring, Bracknell RG12 1HD

- **Fridays – 10am -12pm**

St Joseph and St Margaret Clitherow, 39, Braccan Walk, Bracknell, RG12 1BE

Or visit Berkshire Credit Union website at: <https://www.cslberks.org.uk>

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Class assemblies in Spring Term

In Spring term, we would like to invite you to be a part of your child's class worship. It will be a lovely way to come and Pray with us and to see how our pupils lead worship in our school.

Friday 18th January 9am – Year 6 Class Worship

Friday 25th January 9am – Year 5 Class Worship

Friday 8th February 9am – Year 4 Class Worship

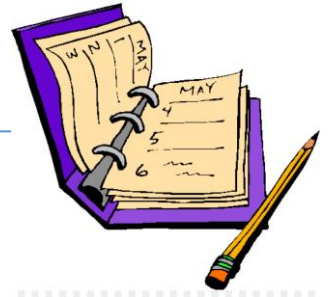
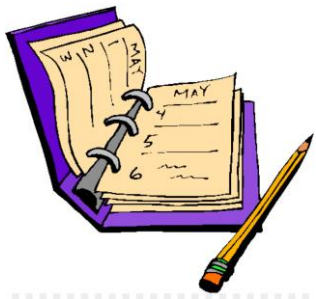
Friday 15th February 9am – Year 3 Class Worship

Friday 8th March 9am - Year 2 Worship

Friday 22nd March 9am – Year 1 Worship

Friday 29th March 9am – Year R Worship

Friday 5th April 1.30pm – Stations of the cross
(led by Year 5, all parents welcome)



Term Dates for 2018-2019

Autumn Term (4th Sept-21st Dec)

Monday 3rd September – **INSET DAY**

Tuesday 4th September – Pupils back to School

Friday 19th October – INSET DAY

Monday 22nd – Friday 26th October – Half Term

Monday 29th October – Pupils back to School

Monday 5th November – RE INSET DAY

Friday 21st December – End of term (School closes
2.30pm)

Spring Term (7th Jan-5th Apr)

Monday 7th January– Pupils back to School

Monday 18th – Friday 22nd – February Half Term

Monday 25th February - Pupils Back to school

Friday 5th April – End of term (School closes at 2.30pm)

Summer Term (23rd Apr-19th July)

Tuesday 23rd April – Pupils back to school

6th May - Bank Holiday

Monday 27th – Friday 31st May – Half Term

Monday 3rd June - Back to school

Friday 19th July - End of term (School closes at 2.30pm)

Monday 22nd July – INSET DAY

Tuesday 23rd July – INSET DAY

BRACKNELL BEES

The next Bracknell Bees School Zone game is on Saturday January 19th at 6pm. This is a rearranged league game and your ticket includes FREE skating and FREE skate hire.

Please find below the voucher to receive your exclusive school discount. Please call 01344 789000 and quote 'Schools Zone'. All you then need to do is bring a copy of the voucher with you on the night or this email on your mobile device.

All pre purchased tickets will be available from the Rink Reception and all Complimentary Tickets will be available from **The Bees Shop**. **All tickets purchased on the night for the School Zone are from the Bees Shop, outside of the Rink.**

All tickets bought in advance or purchased on the night are at the exclusive discounted price of £10 per adult and 2 kids go free!! Doors open 5:15pm with the match starting at 6:00pm



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BRACKNELL BEES SCHOOL ZONE

BEES VS PHANTOMS

SAT 19TH JANUARY - FACEOFF 6:00PM

JOHN NIKE LEISURESPORT COMPLEX

BEES

PHANTOMS

KIDS GO FREE

2 FREE KIDS TICKETS WITH EVERY PAYING ADULT



THIS VOUCHER ENTITLES FREE ENTRY FOR UP TO TWO CHILDREN WITH AN ADULT PAYING JUST £10 PLUS FREE PUBLIC SKATING AFTER THE GAME

REGULAR PRICE - ADULTS £12.50 KIDS £4.00

TICKETS CAN BE BOOKED IN PERSON WITH THIS VOUCHER OR BY CONTACTING THE BOX OFFICE ON 01344 789000 AND QUOTING 'SCHOOL ZONE' - AT LEAST 24 HOURS BEFORE GAME NIGHT THESE TICKETS ARE FOR OUR DESIGNATED SCHOOL ZONE ON SPECIFIC DATES ONLY VISIT WWW.BRACKNELLBEES.COM/SCHOOLS FOR DETAILS

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MATCH NIGHTS ONLY

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