



# St John Fisher Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents

December 2023

We come to the end of a long and hard term. May I take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support and I know we will achieve even greater things in the New Year. Have a happy and Holy Christmas!

## Key Dates- January 2024 - February 2024

Tuesday 9th January	Children return to school
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	Open Evening
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	School Journey - Year 6
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Half Term



## Advent

Advent in school is a period of great excitement and preparation for Christmas. The children have been busy with 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. I would like to wish all our families a peaceful and joyful Christmas and a happy New Year for 2024 and ask that we keep those who are less fortunate than ourselves in our thoughts and prayers.

On behalf of all the Staff and Governors, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support this term and wish you and your families a very happy, peaceful and safe Christmas.

Christmas is a time of renewal that gives us the opportunity to reflect on the everlasting hope we have in Christ and the ongoing presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Jesus Christ came into the world to bring the hope of eternal life to all who put their trust in Him.

Let us reflect on these words from Isaiah

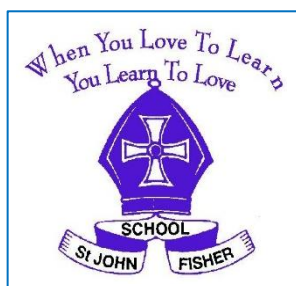
*'... those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.'* Isaiah 40:31.

As we end this year and begin a new one let us all soar and walk tall living our faith with everyone we meet.

## Parking

We request that parents are considerate to our neighbours when parking before and after school. Please park in a safe place that does not obstruct cars, the zig zags, garages or other motorists.





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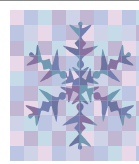
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## Adverse Weather Conditions

In the case of adverse weather conditions where the school may be closed please check the school website [www.sjf.bexley.sch.uk](http://www.sjf.bexley.sch.uk)

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.



## Attendance and Punctuality

class	Attendance	Punctuality
Reception	96.3%	92%
Year 1	95.0%	85%
Year 2	97.11%	85%
Year 3	98.66%	78%
Year 4	97.79%	85%
Year 5	97.85%	85%
Year 6	97.34%	92%

At St John Fisher School we have very high expectations for attendance and punctuality.

From January 2024, the EWO (Education Welfare Officer) will be writing and making Home Visits to parents who continue to bring their children to school late or collect their children after school late. There is no excuse for being late.

The figures above for punctuality have improved but this could still be much better. Parents please make sure your child arrives for school on time and is collected on time.

## STARTING SCHOOL RECEPTION September 2024

If your child was born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020 it is now time to think about your application for a primary school place. Applications for the admissions process are online via the Bexley website. If you are applying to St John Fisher, as a Church school, applications should be supported by our Supplementary Information Form which needs to be completed by parents and returned to the school along with the supporting documentation required by the 12 January 2024.

CAF Application forms must be with Bexley by 15 January 2024. Applications made online will be acknowledged by email.





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## Spelling - KINGS and QUEENS

Reception

Obinna and Margaret

Year 2

Jibril and Tomiwa

Year 4

Emmanuel and Ezinne

Year 1

Liam and Martha

Year 3

Islam and Aba

Year 5

Daniel S and Sarah

Year 6

Desmond and Estelle



## Tables KINGS and QUEENS

Reception

Obinna and Margaret

Year 2

Darrell and Zuriel

Year 4

Kamal and Danielle

Year 1

Idris and Averie

Year 3

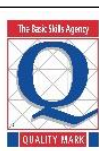
Islam and Aba

Year 5

David S and Daniella

Year 6

Nathan and Elena





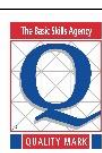


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Spelling and Times Tables Kings and Queens

ALL children are expected to be in correct school uniform.

## **GIRLS**

GREY SKIRT  
WHITE SHIRT  
SCHOOL TIE  
SCHOOL SWEATSHIRT  
SCHOOL CARDIGAN  
WHITE POLO SHIRT  
BLACK/GREY/NAVY/WHITE TIGHTS

## **BOYS**

GREY TROUSERS  
WHITE SHIRT  
SCHOOL TIE  
SCHOOL SWEATSHIRT  
WHITE POLO SHIRT  
PLAIN GREY OR BLACK SOCKS

Please make sure that your child/ren DO NOT have different colour braids or patterns cut into their hair.

**Girls** - hair same colour as their natural hair and **ALL** long hair tied back.

**Boys** - hair **ONE** length all over.

## PE Kits

Please make sure your child has the correct PE kit.

There are still children coming to school with Logos on their tracksuits. The tracksuits worn in school for PE **MUST** be plain - NO logos or WHITE stripes.

Please do not purchase expensive sportswear for the children.

Please remember the children can wear their **SCHOOL JUMPER** if they do not have a plain tracksuit top.

- Plain white T/Shirt
- Black/Navv Shorts
- Plain Black or Navy Tracksuit - NO LOGO or STRIPES
- Trainers

'May you have the gift of faith, the blessing of hope, and the peace of His love at Christmas and always!'

