

Newsletter
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Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends of St. Joseph's,
Thank you for all your help and support in getting the children settled back into school.

Just a reminder about parking and driving safely in the car parks- please do not drive into the staff car park- we have an increased number of staff who are finding it difficult to get into work in the morning!

Thank you for ensuring your children are in school on time and for using the correct doors. This will minimise the chance of accidents and ensure that the children are all safe. Doors will be closed at 9am and late children directed to the office.

The last reminder is about name labels, please ensure your child's belongings are all labelled to ensure they are returned to you!

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

The sacramental programme will be agreed by the Parish Priest this term and we will send out dates as soon as we have them.

WORKING TOGETHER

We would like to invite you to a series of curriculum meetings so that you can meet your child's teacher and find out about homework arrangements, contact arrangements and curriculum for the year group. The meetings have been scheduled as follows:

- P7 Wednesday 25th September at 2.15
- P6 Tuesday 24th September at 2.15
- P5 Monday 23rd September at 2.15
- P4 Thursday 18th September at 2.15
- P3 Thursday 19th September at 2.15
- P2 Tuesday 17th September at 2.15
- P1 Tuesday 17th September at 12.15

SHARED EDUCATION

All classes this year will have an opportunity to work with pupils from Greystone in the Shared Education Programme with P.6 starting off this week. Teachers will inform you of the arrangements.

PTA

The PTA are a group of very dedicated and hardworking parents and friends who organise fun events for the children and families. They also aim to raise funds to support the school in securing additional resources to enhance every child's learning environment.

Any parents/friends are welcome to attend our meetings and contribute ideas! We particularly welcome any new parents to join in our school community.

ASDA

Our first fundraiser this year will be the ASDA bag pack on **Saturday 28th September**. We would love it if as many families as possible could help- please contact the office and leave your name and time you are available if you have a free hour!

Our first meeting of the school year will be on **Tuesday 17th September at 6pm**. Everyone is welcome!

FLU VACCINE

The Public Health Agency will be administering the flu vaccine for all children P1-P7. This will happen on Tuesday 28th November 2019. Consent forms will be given out and should be returned to school as the nursing service are clear that any child who does not have a signed consent form **WILL NOT** receive the vaccine at school.

RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS

The Article 12 Society will be elected by their classmates this month- These pupils will have an important job to do- considering changes in school or giving their opinions on arrangements in school that affect them.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY

We wish all of our past pupils the best of luck as they start their new Post-Primary schools. We had a lovely graduation in June with The Raparees as honorary graduates. We also welcome our new P1s and pupils through the school, it's good to see you!

COMMUNICATIONS

We have noticed that some parents are messaging the school Facebook page for information. If you have a query, we ask that you contact the office or class teacher in the first instance as you will get a quicker response! Many thanks!

All classes will be sending out invitations for you to sign up for the Seesaw App. If you haven't already done so, please download the app to receive instant information about your child in class. If you need any help installing the app, please speak to the class teacher.

EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES

We will be celebrating European day of languages on 28th September. Children come dressed in the colours of their country!

- P1- France
- P2- Spain
- P3- Italy
- P4- Poland
- P5- Ireland
- P6- Germany
- P7- Sweden

All parents are welcome to a 'coffee and croissants' session in the hall to celebrate European Day of languages. Feel free to dress up too!! Any donations you would like to make will go to Noah's fund- see below. We would love everyone to come and have a cuppa with us! Pop in as soon as you drop the kids off!



On this day we ask all children to bring in £1. All proceeds will go towards a fund to support a child of one of our past teachers- Noah. He has an illness called

Smith-Magenis syndrome and needs to raise money for a specialist bed to keep him safe at night. We are grateful for any donations to help him.

HEALTHY EATING

As you all know, we promote healthy eating in our school. Some parents have asked for a list of foods that are healthy for break times. These could include:

Any types of fresh fruit or vegetables, a sandwich (NOT including jam or chocolate spreads), yoghurts (again without chocolate pieces) and other breads such as brioche, without chocolate. At lunchtime we try to encourage the children to have only 1 treat such as crisps, chocolate bars and biscuits as they cannot eat these at breaktime. We encourage all pupils to have a water bottle in school which they can fill up freely. All other flavoured drinks should be saved for lunchtime only. Fizzy drinks are not permitted.

ALLERGY INFORMED SCHOOL

St Joseph's has been a nut free school for a number of years but we are aware that there are an increasing number of children attending school with allergies. We are asking you to be extra vigilant about sending children to school with breaks or lunches containing nuts. We have a child coming to school who is highly allergic to nuts. To prevent an extreme reaction, we will not permit children to eat nuts in school. This includes certain chocolate bars and spreads like Nutella. We ask you to help us with this by ensuring that there are no foods containing nuts in your child's lunchboxes. If it does happen we will keep the food to go home again. We will never see a child go hungry so if your child needs an alternative snack or meal we will provide it and you can pay the following day.

GOOD NEWS rtreacy776@c2kni.net

Congratulations to the children who received the results of their music exams over the summer. We have also had many children successful in sports and events over the summer including GAA and cricket. Please email Mrs Treacy with any details and pictures to be included in the newsletter- apologies to anyone who missed out last year!!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please look out for our regular texts for reminders and notifications of new events as the term progresses.

Thursday 19th September- Opening of School Year Mass- All welcome!

Friday 27th September- European Day of Languages Celebration and Fundraising for Noah

Tuesday 17th September 6pm- PTA meeting all welcome

Monday 21st/Tuesday 22nd October- Parent Teacher meetings, children will finish at 12pm and individual appointments will be sent out. Please let us know if you cannot attend.

Friday 25 October Harry Potter Super Learning Day- come dressed as magical folk or muggles!

Monday 28 October- Friday 1 November School closed for Halloween Holidays



