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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. Please note that from 17th September a late register will be kept at the office and a text sent to the parents just in case you did not know your children were slow in coming to school!

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 Monday 27th September at 2.15

P6 Monday 24th September at 2.15

P5 Wednesday 26th September at 2.15

P4 Thursday 20th September at 2.15

P3 Wednesday 19th September at 2.15

P2 Monday 24th September at 2.15

P1 Tuesday 25th September at 2.15



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.

Our first meeting of the school year will be on Tuesday 9th October 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 25th October 2018. 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.

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.

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 have a lovely graduation in June with Dame Mary Peters and Ryan Burnett as honorary graduates. We also welcome our new P1s and pupils through the school-please turn over for some new P1 pictures! Apologies if we didn't get everyone in!

GOOD NEWS rtreacy776@c2kni.net



Congratulations to Roisin and Samuel who won medals at the swimming gala at the end of June- great job!!

Well done to Ethan who won gold at the qualifiers at the British Championships for the trampoline!

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!

EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES

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

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

P7- Sweden



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

Thursday 27th September- Opening of School Year Mass- All welcome!

Friday 28th September- European Day of Languages Celebration

Tuesday 9th October 6pm- PTA meeting all welcome

Monday 22nd/Tuesday 23rd October- Parent Teacher meetings, children will finish at 1pm and individual appointments will be sent out. Please let us know if you cannot attend.

Wednesday 24th October P3 and P5 to Museum for Dippy the Diplodocus Dinosaur Exhibition

Thursday 25th October- Flu vaccination- please return permission slips.

Friday 26 October Harry Potter Super Learning Daycome dressed as magical folk or muggles!

Monday 29 October- Friday 2 November School closed for Halloween Holidays





P1 Gallery















