



# ST. JOSEPH'S NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and pupils,

*It is hard to believe that September has come and gone already. We have had a very busy start to this our 50<sup>th</sup> Year of St. Joseph's P.S., Meigh. All of our pupils and staff are now well settled and looking forward to the year ahead. We have a number of activities & events planned to celebrate this special year but we would also love to hear your thoughts and ideas. Please e-mail the school with any suggestions you might have.*

G. Trainor

### Welcome to our new P1 class!



What a super bunch of P1 pupils.

Today every P1 pupil received a free book from the Book Trust. Promoting reading from an early age and spending time with children reading and discussing stories, plot, pictures, characters and setting pays massive dividends for their current and future education. Making time to read is the secret to succeed.

### **Holiday Dates Change**

The British Government have changed the date of the Bank Holiday in May 2020 from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May. The Education Authority have sent a circular to all schools issuing same advice. Having consulted with a number of other local schools St. Josephs will now be **CLOSED** on 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020 instead of 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> May. This matter is out of our hands. Sorry.



### Wraparound Provision



8 - 9	Breakfast Club	£1
2 - 3	1,2,3 Club	£1
3 - 4	Homework & Activities	£2
4 - 5	Late Class & Activities (snack)	£3

Our Wraparound Club is going from strength to strength. As numbers are increasing it is preferable and advisable to book in advance to avoid disappointment.

If a child is booked in but then being collected beforehand, please make sure to let us know. Bookings and payment are to be made via the office. Booking forms can be downloaded from Parents area on website.

### **Curriculum meetings**

Thank you to all our parents who attended the recent curriculum meetings. We hope you found them informative with guidance and advice to help your children throughout the year. Individual parent teacher consultations will take place in February. If you wish to talk to a teacher before then about any issue or concern etc. please make an appointment in advance.

### **Retirement Mass**

To celebrate the retirement of our esteemed colleague and friend, Ann Crilly, there will be a mass in St. Joseph's Church on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm to which everyone is invited and welcome to attend. Ann has had a long and distinguished career which has spanned 40 years, 37 of them in Meigh. Please spread the word to other family members, neighbours, friends and past pupils who may no longer have direct contact with the school.

### **Parent Consultations**

Next week we will be sending home parent consultations as a key requisite of our school development planning process. Please complete the questionnaire and return via the class teacher. It is your opportunity to voice your opinions on our school and offer any suggestions that may help us improve our practice. Questionnaires are anonymous and all information received will be treated in the strictest confidence.

### Nut Free Zone

Parents, we are a nut free zone. This means that are restricted. We birthday cake in desire, only may be sent in to share. We thank you for your understanding in this matter as it is lifesaving.



nut free zone. birthday treats cannot give out school. If you 'Haribo' sweets

### Once a Week - Take a Peek

- Reminder to all parents to tie long hair back every day in plaits or ponytails.
- Check once a week or at the weekend for signs of head lice.



### Uniforms

Thank you for supporting our school uniform policy. PE uniform may only be worn on designated PE day or if attending an after school sport programme. Children earn points for their 'Houses' for proper school uniform.



### Administration of Medicine

Thank you for returning Data Capture forms promptly. Up to date records are vital for operational and health and safety matters. If your child has specific needs e.g., reading glasses, inhalers etc., please inform the class teacher. The school will only hold and administer medication for children with very specific medical needs e.g. Auto-Injector Pens for those at risk from anaphylaxis, inhalers for asthma and hypo kits for diabetes. Over the counter medication/throat lozenges etc. **will not** be administered. Only up to date prescriptions with name and dosage on the label will be accommodated in school following an induction procedure involving written permission. See office for details.

### Halloween Disco

Our annual Fancy Dress on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> may bring in skelebrations. A Halloween and Disco will be held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October. Pupils may bring in treats for class donation of £2 is kindly requested for Cancer Research.



### Assembly dates this term

There has been a change to assembly times this year. They will now begin promptly at 10.55am on Friday mornings \*\*. Parents and family are invited to join us when their children are on stage.

Fri. 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	P5 Mrs Brennan
**Thur. 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct (1.15pm)	P6 Mr McVerry
Fri. 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	P3 Ms Moley
Fri. 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	P7 Mr Shields
Tue. 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	P1&2 Chris. Play
Wed. 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	P1&2 Chris. Play

### M & M Productions

A professional Travelling Theatre Company have been booked to perform at the school on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October to perform 'The Wizard of Oz' for all pupils P2-P7. (P1 will be at Palace Stables Armagh for Apple Fest) Cost is £3 per pupil, £7 for 3+pupils in a family.

### Monthly Attendance

Primary 3 were the monthly class attendance winners for September with 98.3%. It was very close between all of the classes which was great to see.

### School Council 19-20

Here is our wonderful School Council for 2019/20. Each pupil from P4-P7 is a member of their class council and they have regular opportunities to raise issues for their elected representatives to bring at whole school council level.



### Dates for Your Diary

**Tues. 29<sup>th</sup> October** - Halloween Fancy Dress Disco (School closed ½ day 12.30pm) *No Afterschool Care*

**Wed. 30<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November** - Mid Term Break

**Sat. 7<sup>th</sup> December** - Santa Saturday