

Saint Joseph's Primary School
&
Ederney Community Nursery

Newsletter

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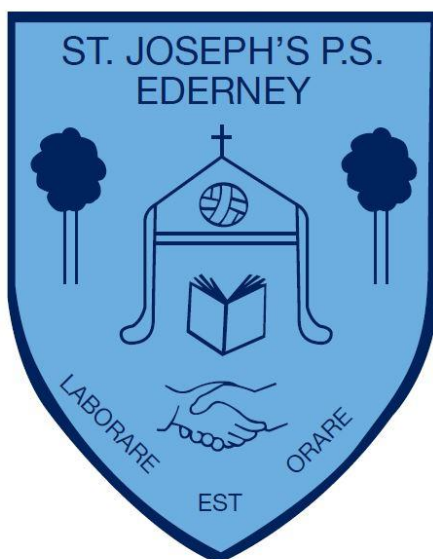
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Post Primary Transfer Applications

Just a reminder that the online admissions portal (eani.org.uk/admissions) for Post Primary schools opens at 12noon, on Mon 1st March and will remain open until 4pm on Tues 16th March. Please view each school's admission criteria before you apply. It is encouraged to list 3/4 schools in order of preference. Please note, if your child has a statement of special educational needs, you DO NOT need to apply online.

Welcome Back!

We look forward to welcoming our pupils from Nursery to P3 back to school, on Monday 8th March. School buses & dinners will run as usual. Unfortunately, due to DE guidance, Pauline's after-school facility, from 2pm-3pm, will NOT be available. Minister Weir has indicated that pupils will return to Remote Learning again, on Mon 22nd March until the Easter holidays. As usual, if your child is displaying any COVID-19 symptoms, please do not send them to school.

Changes to School Closures

Please note a change to our St. Patrick's day break. School will now be closed on the **17th March only**. This is to facilitate maximum face-to-face teaching for our Nursery to P3 children.

School will close on **Friday 26th March for the Easter holidays**. In order to compensate this 2-week closure, school will be open on Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th May. Please see updated calendar below.

| ST. JOSEPH'S P.S. & EDERNEY COMMUNITY NURSERY | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| PUPIL HOLIDAY CALENDAR 2020-2021 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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New Build

I'm delighted to inform you all, that having received funding & approval for a resource classroom last year, the work will begin on Monday 1st March. This classroom is to the back of our school & will cause minimum disruption. We look forward to using it in September 2021.



Relax Kids

The postponed Relax Kids programme will now commence Tuesday 13th April for our KS1 children. More details will follow.

Lough Hill Wind Farm Fruit Orchard

We have recently secured funding from Lough Hill Wind Farm to install a fruit orchard in our school grounds. The workshop, facilitated by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural affairs, will involve the children planting and nurturing the trees. This will begin on Tuesday 15th March.

Barnardos SEE, HEAR, RESPOND Programme

Is Covid-19 making you worried or sad?

Nervous about being back at school?

Are your family finding it tough?

Are you anxious for yourself and loved ones?

Barnardo's NI See, Hear, Respond can help you.

For more information go to

[https://www.barnardos.org.uk/northern-ireland-](https://www.barnardos.org.uk/northern-ireland-see-hear-respond)

see-hear-respond or call 0800 157 7015

12-7pm, Mon - Fri

Is Covid-19 hurting your family?

Struggling to cope?

Feeling isolated?

Worried for your children?

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