

Saint Joseph's Primary School
&
Ederney Community Nursery

Newsletter

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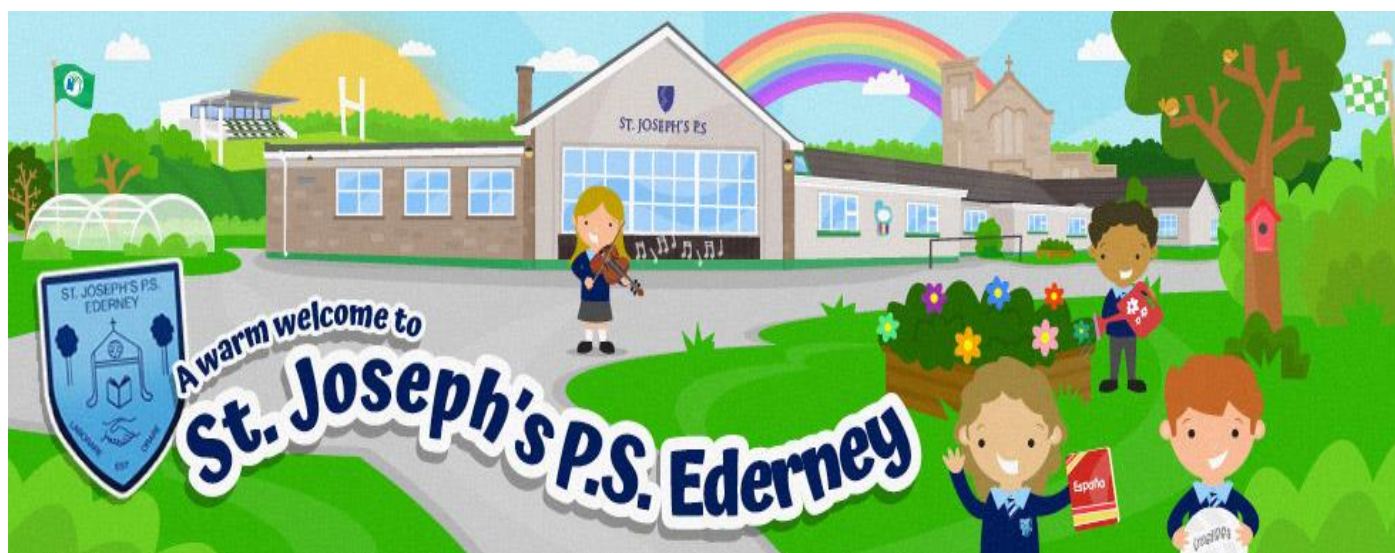
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New School Year

Welcome back to all our pupils and staff, after a well-earned summer break. A special welcome to our Primary 1 pupils and to Regan and Lexi Cunningham, P2 and P4, to David Popa P3 and to Rio Harte P4.

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Zara McCusker and Miss Sara- Louise Montague to our teaching staff. Mrs McCusker was appointed P4/5 teacher and Miss Mc Montague will be teaching P1/2 until Mrs Meenagh returns from her maternity leave.

Congratulations Mrs Meenagh

Huge congratulations to Mrs Meenagh and her husband Hugh on the birth of their second son Noah-Shay. We hope Mrs Meenagh is enjoying her maternity leave and not having too many sleepless nights!

Morning Supervision

School begins at 9.15a.m. Staff are on site from 8.50 a.m. onwards and in the interests of pupil safety, Children should not be in school prior to this time.

Homework

Parents are reminded about the importance of homework. It reinforces what is learnt in school and develops the child's independence. **Homework diaries should be signed nightly**, to ensure that tasks are completed and that parents are satisfied with their child's efforts.

Nut Allergy

St. Joseph's is **nut free zone** and it is vital that foods containing nuts **ARE NOT** taken to school.

Milk Money

Milk remains an important source of vitamins and calcium for growing children and contributes to a balanced diet. If you would like your child to take milk the cost for this term (September – December) is **£14**. The total amount should be paid to your child's teacher before **Wednesday 7th September, when the order will be placed with the dairy. Orders will not be accepted after this date.**

Should your child decide not to take milk during the term a refund will not be possible, as the school will already have been billed for the full amount.

Irish

Irish lessons begin on **Friday 16th September**, for all pupils P1-P7, with our tutor Miss Michelle Furey. St. Joseph's G.A.C. secured funding for Irish classes last year for 10 weeks and we were very grateful for this. The children loved their Irish classes and learned so much in a short space of time that we decided to continue this year with the classes however, to date there is no funding available so in the meantime we will be charging each child £1 per week for Irish classes. **Please ensure that you send payment to each child's class teacher, in an envelope marked 'Irish Tuition'.** There will be a total of 14 sessions this term. This is a fabulous opportunity for our children to learn a modern language. Research has also shown that it significantly enhances a child's overall Literacy development. As the tutor is paid from our school funds, if we do not receive a contribution from parents, **we will no longer be able to offer Irish in the school.**

Healthy Eating

In St. Joseph's we encourage our pupils to eat healthily. Pupils should therefore not bring sweets to school, for break or lunchtime snacks. Children are also encouraged to drink water during the school day. Fizzy and diluted drinks are not permitted, in the interests of promoting good dental health. Pupils should drink water from their own transparent water bottles.

Dinner Money

The cost of a pupil dinner is £2.60 per day/£13.00 per week. It would be greatly appreciated, by the canteen staff, if all pupils have the correct money for their dinner each day. There is a copy of the 2022 dinner menu on our website.

Break-time – Snack Price List

Tea	20p
Bottles of Water	50p
Milkshake	20p
Scones	10p
Fruit Cup	20p
Crusty roll	10p
Pancake	20p
Yogurts	30p

Free School Meals

If you feel your child is entitled to free school meals, it is **vital**ly important that you make an application to the Education Authority, to register your child.

Even if your child does not want to take school dinners please apply anyway, as this has a major impact on our school budget.

Please note that if your child currently receives Free School Meals, or a school uniform grant, ***you must reapply again for the forthcoming school year.***

Applications must be made directly to the Education Authority. Further details can be found online at:

<http://www.eani.org.uk/i-want-to/apply-for-free-school-meals-and-or-school-uniform/> or by phoning 028 82 411411.

Swimming

P6 pupils begin swimming lessons in the Lakeland Forum, Enniskillen, on **Tuesday 6th September**. Pupils will have received a letter today, in relation to this.

Afterschool Club

Parents interested in availing of our Afterschool Club can contact Mrs Pauline McGoldrick, Afterschool Leader on 07926752893. This service is available for P2 children from **Monday 5th September** and will be available from **2.00pm to 3.00pm Monday to Thursday** each week. Afterschool Fun Day Fridays will begin **Friday 9th September 2.00pm – 4.00pm** for P2 – P7 children. Afterschool cost is **£3.00** per hour.

P1 pupils will be able to avail of Afterschool facilities from Monday 19th September.

Staff Training Day

School will be closed for pupils on **Monday 26th September** for staff training.

Transfer Procedure (11+) GL/AQE

If you wish your child to sit the **Transfer Procedure 2022**, the **GL test is on Saturday 12th November and the AQE, Saturday 19th November, Saturday 26th November and Saturday 3rd December** please ensure that you apply directly through the Post-Primary Grammar School that you wish your child to attend. Application packs are available from Grammar schools and via their school websites. **Applications must be made by 23rd September 2022 for both tests.**

School Holidays

A school holiday list was issued in June and is available on our school website.

Passport & Driving Licence Forms

If you require a passport or driving licence form to be signed, please leave your form and associated documents into the school office. Please note that, due to the administration time involved, a contribution of £5.00 per form, in lieu of school funds, is required.

Roald Dahl Day

We will celebrate Roald Dahl Day in school, on **Tuesday 13th September**. We ask that all our pupils come to school wearing something yellow, as that was Roald Dahl's favourite colour. We would be grateful if each pupil could also bring £1.00. All contributions will go to School Funds.

School Parking Areas

In the interest of safety, we appeal to all parents/grandparents/childminders to park safely outside the school. It is important to keep both entrance and exit clear to ensure that our buses can enter and leave the school grounds safely. The chapel carpark is available for parking and classroom assistants supervise your child crossing the road safely. Please refrain from turning at the school ground entrance and/or exit.

Data Collection Form

Your child will receive a data collection form in the next few days, please update any changes on this and return it to school asap. Could all P1 parents send in a copy of your child's birth certificate. You will also receive a child protection summary and photo permission slip. Please sign and return.

