

## ST JOHN THE BAPTIST BOYS NATIONAL SCHOOL

### Sixth Class 2024/2025

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope that you all have a happy & rewarding summer holiday. Fingers crossed we'll get a decent summer and the boys can get out and about as much as possible. **Please note the following for the 2024/25 academic year.**

**Books & Copies** - The school has ordered any books, workbooks and copies that your son will require for the coming school year. There is no cost to parents for these. However, all school books will remain the property of the school and parents are requested to remind their children to take care of their books and keep them in good condition during the year.

**Stationery** - We have compiled the following list of stationery items that your son will require in class next year & these can be purchased in AM Office Supplies, Jimmy's or in any other book/stationery shop of your choice.

- 3 x Pencils
- 2 x Red pens
- 2 x Black pens
- 2 x Blue pens
- Sharpener & Eraser
- 30cm ruler
- 3x large tube of Pritt Stick
- 1x A4 Ring Binder + one set of dividers
- 2x A4 Mesh Plastic Folders (Texet A4 mesh bag) (This A4 mesh zip bag is a mesh folder with a zip on top & is in stock in AM Office Supplies. ➡)
- 2 x Whiteboard markers (Show-me drywipe marker black or similar narrow width)
- A set of 12 Twistable Crayons
- A set of colouring pencils
- Oxford Helix Mathematical Set
- D Tin Whistle



**Parental Contribution - €30 per pupil** - Despite the financial challenges of running the school, we've not put up the parental contribution this year but would respectfully ask that everyone does their best to pay it either now or in August/September. **An electronic link** will be sent to you by text and/or via Aladdin Connect in due course to facilitate payment. If you cannot make this payment electronically, you can pay via card at the school office or money can be sent to the office in an envelope marked with your son's name, class and the amount paid.

**Aladdin Connect** - This app is our main method of home-school communication. Despite this, a sizable minority of parents are not using the app regularly/at all. We are more than happy and willing to assist anyone having trouble with the app, and I've linked a short video that I've made which might be of assistance re: notifications and remaining signed in - [Aladdin Connect Help Video.mp4](#)

**Lunchbox** - Please support our Green School efforts and either provide a reusable lunchbox for your son or, as many families are doing, use the 'Lunchbag Wastebox' as your lunchbox. You will also need to provide your son with a reusable drinks bottle.

**Labels** - Label all stationery, label your lunch/waste box and water bottle, and label all clothing.

**Half-zips** - B&T Sports have informed me that the majority of parents have ordered a half-zip for their son(s). There are, however, quite a few who still haven't ordered one & while I acknowledge that it's not compulsory next year from Senior Infants upwards, you may have missed out on the previous days due to holidays, confusion with dates or some other reason. **Therefore, there will be one FINAL sizing/ordering/payment for half-zips on Monday 24 June from 6-7pm in the school halla. Half-zips will be available for collection in the school in August and you will be notified exactly when.**

**Extension update** - I had really hoped that the extension would be completed by September, but that looks increasingly unlikely. Still, you never know. The first few weeks of the summer break will tell a lot. Some classes will likely come together and can then be split once the extension is open. I guess, in short, decisions made in July are subject to change as the summer progresses but you will be informed if any changes occur. For those who don't know, the extension consists of two mainstream classes and two Autism classes. There will also be a new car park, drop-off zone and bus bay, all of which will be significant additions to our school community.

**Abbaesque Fundraiser** - This is a hugely important fundraiser for our schools. Your support and attendance on the night would be greatly appreciated. A musical start to what will hopefully be a great summer for you all. Tickets available to purchase in the school or from this link - [Abbaesque Tickets, Sat, Jun 29, 2024 at 7:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

**Class Allocation for 2024** - The Chairperson and Principal will have a busy summer with teaching, SNA and caretaker interviews on the agenda. The Principal will advise of final teaching arrangements after interviews are completed, hopefully in early July. There will be minimal changes up the school, but Junior Infants and First Class have yet to be (re)configured. It's worth noting that if the extension opens sometime in Term 1, then the likelihood is that the school will go to 13 mainstream classes. We wish Mr Molloy the very best on his career break to pursue full-time studies.

	Class (11 mainstream classes initially)	Classroom	Teacher
1	Junior Infants <u>Pine</u>	2	Laura Stapleton
2	Junior Infants <u>Willow</u>	8	TBA
3	Senior Infants <u>Oak &amp; Ash (Combined)</u>	4	Miriam Quinn & Sinéad White (co-teaching)
4	First Class <u>Beech</u>	3	Rebecca Curry
5	First Class <u>Elm</u>	1	TBA
6	Second Class	5	Jennie O'Farrell
7	Third Class	9	Cathal Barrett/Shane Ryan (job share)
8	Third/Fourth Class <u>Sycamore</u>	10	James Doran
9	Fourth Class	12	TBA
10	Fifth Class	13	Triona O'Donoghue
11	Sixth Class	11	Laurence Coskeran
12	Seomra na Rí Autism Class	-	Bríd Callanan
13	Seomra na Laochra Autism Class	-	Alison Laffan

**School reopens** - School reopens for pupils on Monday 2 September 2024.

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