



'Being the best that we can be'

Friday Note

Friday 12 October 2018

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Looking back....

PLEASE REMEMBER: ST. JOSEPH'S IS A NUT FREE ZONE

Digital Schools Award

We were absolutely delighted last Friday when we heard we had won our "Digital Schools Award". The validator was extremely impressed with the level of ICT going on here in school. He could see that ICT was being used to enhance learning and teaching across the whole school. In particular, he commended all of our digital leaders. He was extremely impressed with how they carried out their role and their knowledge and understanding of what the role of a digital leader entailed. I must congratulate all of our digital leaders on being such amazing ambassadors for our school. We will have an official presentation of our award later on in the school year.

Seesaw

We are pleased to be using the Seesaw app as a means of communication with parents. I am sure you love to see photos or even pieces of work that your child has completed in school. However, we cannot use it as a means for parents to communicate with teachers. Teachers do not always see messages sent via Seesaw until after the school day so messages to teachers should not be sent using this app. Thank you for your understanding.

PARKING

Please remember that only staff are permitted down the Castle Street lane at any time. There has been a number of reports of poor parking at the top of the lane. I would like to remind parents that cars cannot be parked in front of the gates/on the yellow lines on either side of the gates. This week a parent's car was damaged by another car dropping off. Can I appeal for patience when parking? Thank you.

Looking ahead....

8 weekly Assessment Week

Next week is 8 weekly assessment week in P3 – P7 classes. This is the first 8 weekly assessment week of the year and pupils will be tested on what has been covered so far this term in Literacy and Numeracy. The test results will be shared with you at the upcoming parent teacher meetings.

Maths Week, Ireland

Next week we will celebrate Maths Week Ireland and we will be adding on our own Digital Maths Week as well. Pupils will be celebrating all things mathematical across the week. If you want some ideas/resources/puzzles, follow the link below:

<http://www.mathsweek.ie/2018/>

Halloween Festivities

- Pupils will have a dress up day for Halloween on Thursday 25 October.
- We will be holding our school fundraising Danceathon event on:

Wednesday 24 October for P1 – P3 and Friday 26 October for P4 – P7. Sponsor sheets will be sent home next week. Spot the celebrities on the sponsor sheet!



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Reporting to Parents

P2 – P6 teachers will be reporting to parents in the week beginning Monday 22 October. School will close at 2pm to facilitate these meetings. There will be NO AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES that week. In order to ensure the safe pick up of pupils from the school next week we will implement the previous arrangements as follows:

- All P1 – p3 children with no siblings in P4- P6 must be picked up at 1.45pm at their normal pick up point
- P4 – P7 pupils with siblings must be picked up at 2pm at their normal pick up points

Looking ahead...

Monday 15 October 2018	Tuesday 16 October 2018	Wednesday 17 October 2018	Thursday 18 October 2018	Friday 19 October 2018
<p>8 weekly assessment week</p> <p>MATHS WEEK IRELAND</p> <p>Shared Education Twilight Training Session in Harmony Hill Primary School</p>	<p>8 weekly assessment week</p> <p>MATHS WEEK IRELAND</p> <p>P7 Transfer Club starts at 8am</p> <p>SALTO Development Squad testing for P1 and P2 in assembly hall at 9.30am</p> <p>P6 YMCA Project with Largymore Primary School: 1.30pm – 3.30pm. Joseph's Primary School</p> <p>2.15pm – 4pm Healthy Planning Session for P4 – P7</p> <p>Mrs Hunter at Eco-Schools cluster meeting at 3pm</p> <p>PTA Meeting at 7pm</p>	<p>8 weekly assessment week</p> <p>MATHS WEEK IRELAND</p> <p>P4 at tennis in Wallace Park Tennis Dome</p> <p>Pottery at LAC: P2 Miss McAnerney P5 Ms Kitt</p> <p>Reading Partnership begins in P6 and P4</p> <p>2.15pm Healthy Planning for P1 – P3</p>	<p>8 weekly assessment week</p> <p>MATHS WEEK IRELAND</p> <p>Mrs Fleming at C2 K Course at Ashfield Boys School</p> <p>Miss Clarke: Maths Training session for Classroom Assistants in P1 – P4</p>	<p>8 weekly assessment week</p> <p>MATHS WEEK IRELAND</p> <p>Miss Clarke: Maths Training session for Classroom Assistants in P5 – P7</p> <p>P5 swimming P7 badminton</p>

PTA Quiz tonight...there's still time to come along and pay at the door. It looks like it's going to be a good night! Have a good weekend.

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