



St. Joseph's Primary School
42 Castle Street
Lisburn
BT274XE

'Being the best that we can be'

Friday Note

Friday 30 August 2019

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Welcome Back!

Welcome back to another school year! I hope you all had a lovely summer holiday. It will be great to see our pupils returning to school and ready for all the excitement that a new year brings.

Back to school arrangements

P2 – P7 return to school on Thursday 29 August. Pick up times on Thursday 29 and Friday 30 August are as follows:

P2 and P3	12 noon
P4 – P7	12.30pm

Early pick up times are to facilitate staff training. We have staggered the pick up to ease traffic congestion in our car park and at the top of the lane. Thank you for your understanding.

PLEASE NOTE: P2 and P3 children are all picked up at the top of the lane

Charlie

We are all still deeply sad to have lost Charlie in August. Once again, I would like to thank you all for the support and comfort you and your children brought to Fintan, Cliodhna and Nancy. As a school and in collaboration with Fintan and Cliodhna, we will begin to think about how we can celebrate Charlie's life and his legacy to our school.

New Beginnings

On Monday 1 September, we will welcome our new Principal, Mr Declan Murray to St. Joseph's. We are all very excited about this new beginning for the school. I am sure you will all give him a lovely welcome.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and encouragement during my time as Acting Principal. St. Joseph's has a wonderful school community and I have felt that particularly over recent months. Thank you all sincerely. I am delighted to be returning to the classroom where I am the happiest.

A sincere thank you to all our staff here in school. The school improvement journey over the last 3 years has been crucial and without the commitment and passion of our fantastic staff, this would not have been possible.

Thank you to our Board of Governors for all the support they have given me in this role and for their support in leading the school improvement agenda.

Cashless System

The cashless system will continue to operate this year. We have also added Cool Kids onto the system. All Cool Kids and Homework Club sessions MUST be booked in advance through schoolmoney. For breakfast club we will still operate a cash system for the £1 per session. This can be paid in the usual way through the Cool Kids Letterbox in the front hall.



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Stationery Lists for September

Just in case you are doing some last-minute shopping, here are the stationery lists for pupils for the new school year. Thanking you in advance.

P1 – P4

HB Pencils
Erasers
Twistables
Pritt sticks
Whiteboard markers
2 x A4 plastic zip folder
Pencil case
30cm ruler (P3 & P4)
Sharpener

P5 – P7

HB Pencils
Erasers
Twistables
Pritt sticks
Whiteboard markers
2 x A4 plastic zip folder
Pencil case
30cm ruler
Sharpener
360-degree protractor (P7 only)
1 compass (P7 only)

Break

We would like to let you know that from now on children will bring their own healthy break to school. Drinks must be water or milk. Healthy snacks should be fruit, crackers or bread sticks. This is due to a severe decline in the number of children taking fruit and milk in school resulting in a lot of waste.

Free School Meals

If your child was in receipt of free school meals last year, then you MUST re-register for this. The EA will have sent you details. If you are not registered before Friday, then you will receive a bill for meals taken from Monday onwards.

Curriculum Meetings – Meet the Teacher!

This year we will hold our curriculum meetings at 8.45am – 9.30am in your child's classroom. These will be an opportunity for you to meet the teacher and find out about the curriculum, routines etc for the year ahead.

Details are as follows:

P2	Tuesday 10 September	8.45am – 9.30am
P3	Wednesday 11 September	8.45am – 9.30am
P4	Thursday 12 September	8.45am – 9.30am
P5	Tuesday 17 September	8.45am – 9.30am
P6	Wednesday 18 September	8.45am – 9.30am
P1	Tuesday 1 October	8.45am – 9.30am

After School Clubs

Registration for After School Clubs will be made through the cashless system – all bookings and payments must be made through this facility. We will open bookings for afterschool clubs on Wednesday 4 September. We will email you the details prior to opening the booking.

Future Dates

Open Night Tuesday 3 December at 7pmspread the word!
Panto Day Thursday 12 December Cost £15. Payment can be made through schoolmoney
P1 and P2 Christmas Concert Tuesday 10 and Wednesday 11 December at 9.30am

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May Day Bank Holiday

As you may already know the May Day bank holiday in 2020 has changed from Monday 4 May to Friday 8 May. We had also scheduled a School Development day on Tuesday 5 May. We have rescheduled this to Monday 11 May. This means children will not be in school on Friday 8 May and Monday 11 May 2020.

See you all tomorrow, ready for school.

Best wishes,
Pauline



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