



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

'Being the best that we can be'

Friday Note

Friday 6th September 2019

No.2

Principal's Address

I am absolutely delighted to be appointed as the new principal of St. Joseph's Primary School and I am thoroughly thankful for the warm reception and welcome that I have received from staff and the school community since arriving. I wish to thank the Board of Governors for entrusting me with this post.

I look forward to meeting with parents/guardians over the coming days and weeks during our planned school engagement sessions. Your child's education and wellbeing is our shared number one priority and will be central to any improvement work we carry out in school.

Welcome to our new Primary 1 pupils!

It was lovely to meet some of the new Primary One children this week as they attended primary school for their first time. They have settled well and are having lots of fun with their new classmates. The children will continue to come to Primary One at their allocated times. From Monday 9th September the children will attend school until 12 noon. Miss Hearty and Mrs Mc Manus will soon begin their baseline meetings with parents. These meetings are a chance for you as parents to tell your child's teacher all about them so please do come along. Appointments times will be sent directly to parents by your child's class teacher.

Cashless System

Schoolmoney Update

Thank you for all your patience as we change over to the new year. A few things to remember:

- Primary One children are not yet registered on Schoolmoney but will be when data is transferred from the school capture sheets
- **Cool Kids** and **Homework Club** sessions must all now be booked in advance through Schoolmoney
- Dinners must be booked before midnight the night before
- For breakfast club we will still operate a cash system at £1 per session. This can be paid in the usual way through the Cool Kids Letterbox in the front hall

After School Activities

Booking for after school activities went live on schoolmoney on Wednesday 4th September. As you can see there is a fantastic range once again for pupils to enhance their school day. Any queries regarding after school activities should be directed to Mrs McManus. All after school activities start next week. I would like to thank Mrs McManus for the co-ordination of these clubs and for liaising with coaches/businesses to get the very best for the children.

PE and Sports Coaching

Mrs Gartland has put together a very comprehensive and enjoyable programme of PE and coaching for the children to enjoy during the school week. Class teachers will share with you the days that your child will have PE. Children on these days only are expected to wear their PE uniform. On all other days full school uniform must be worn. I would like to thank Mrs Gartland for the work and effort she has put into organising an enriched programme of PE and sports coaching for the children. I am sure they will really enjoy it.



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Healthy Break

Well done for the efforts you have gone to in preparing healthy breaks for your children. Just a gentle reminder that drinks must be water or milk. Snacks should be fruit, crackers or bread sticks.

Safeguarding Team.

The Safeguarding Team for 2019 - 2020 is as follows:

Designated Teacher:	Michelle Connolly
Deputy Designated Teacher:	Pauline Fleming
Designated Governor:	Anne Cormican
Team Member:	Declan Murray

The 'Summary for Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy for Parents' will be distributed by staff during the curriculum meetings. Please ensure you are familiar with its contents. Should you need to speak to any member of the safeguarding team your first point of reference should be to contact Mrs Connolly.

Curriculum Meetings

Curriculum meetings will take place in your child's classroom at 8.45am. It is a great opportunity to hear in detail the planned/scheduled work for the year, as well as the class teacher's expectations. We envisage that meetings will conclude at 9.15am. We fully appreciate your continued support.

Details are as follows:

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

Meetings for parents/guardians of **P7 pupils**, in order to provide parents with effective feedback ahead of the transfer procedure, will take place the week beginning Monday 30th September. Mrs O'Hare and Mrs Mc Cambridge will send out appointment details soon.

Future Dates

Start of Year School Mass (P4-P7)	Thursday 19 th September in St. Patrick's Church at 10am.
School closed for pupils	Friday 27 th September – School Development Day.
Flu Vaccination Scheme	Tuesday 5 th and Wednesday 6 th November
Open Night	Tuesday 3 rd December from 7pm
Panto Day	Thursday 12 th December
P1 and P2 Christmas Concert	Tuesday 10 th and Wednesday 11 th December at 9.30am

Kind regards,

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