

Primary 1 September - October

Newsletter 2018

Welcome to St Joseph's Primary School! We hope you have settled well into life in Primary 1 and are ready for a busy year ahead. Here is some information about our classes and what to expect.

Teachers: Mrs McManus & Miss Hearty **Classroom Assistants:** Mrs Toman & Mrs Noblett

Learning Intentions:

In **Literacy** we will be learning/recapping on Nursery Rhymes and learning about what 'rhyming' means. We will be learning how to sequence a story or rhyme by using pictures. To help us begin to read, we will first be learning to look closely at pictures cues - looking carefully at the difference between print/ text and pictures. We will also be developing our *attention and listening* skills which are very important skills for learning in all areas!

In **Numeracy** we are learning how to sort objects and create patterns. We will be learning to count and to say counting rhymes. We will be counting forwards and backwards to 10, developing our mental strategies. We will be learning about shapes all around us.

In **World Around Us** we are learning about ourselves, our family, how we have changed since we were a baby and what makes us unique!

In **ICT** we will be learning to use the mouse correctly. We will be learning to play different games on the computer, Interactive Whiteboard and iPads.

*Parents - don't forget to download the See Saw app and scan your child's individual code to see what is happening each week in Primary One! You can add comments to photos and it is always a great conversation starter at home.



Emotion of the Month:

September:

Happy

October:

Frightened

Home Learning:

In P1, each child will bring home a library book every Friday (to be returned on a Monday). This is for you to read to/with your child over the weekend. Reading for enjoyment is essential!

Written/ practical home learning will be sent home each Monday and should be returned on a Friday. Reading books will go home in October. These books should be brought to school daily for guided reading and Literacy activities.

P.E Days:

This year, P.E for Miss Hearty's class will be a **Tuesday**. P.E for Mrs McManus' class will be on a **Friday**. Everyone should come to school ready for P.E in a pale blue t-shirt, plain navy tracksuit bottoms and trainers. A school jumper can also be worn.

Reading:

Reading is a vital skill and we need to enjoy hearing and talking about stories. Please take the time to read daily with your child and ask questions about the stories and characters they will meet in class stories, library books and first picture/ word books.

Remember to ask your child about the story they will have heard/read in school. We love to finish every day with a class story.



To bring to school each day:

- A school bag with homework folder inside (there are still a few book bags available in the office)
- A **named** coat/ jumper - Please make sure your child knows where their name is on their coat/ jumper!
- Lunch box/ dinner money if taking school meals (money on a **Monday** only please!)
- A good attitude - ready to learn!