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**Friday Note**

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

**No. 30**

**Post Primary School Admissions 2020 - 2021**

Our P7 classes receive their post-primary school allocation this Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June. On behalf of the staff and Governors I wish them the very best of luck for this day. They will be in our thoughts and prayers.

Given the uncertainty of the current situation, the Education Authority has taken the decision to prepare and issue notification of post primary placement letters on behalf of schools to parents/guardians for receipt on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June**. The letter will provide the application outcome, information on the appeals process and links to the EA website for more information. If any communication is late in arriving or you do not receive your acceptance before 5pm please contact me on [dmurray538@c2kni.net](mailto:dmurray538@c2kni.net)

**Class Arrangements 2020 – 2021**

Please see below the class arrangements for 2020 – 2021, giving you advance notice of who your child's next teacher will be. Mrs Mc Manus and Miss Hearty are working through the P1 class arrangements for next September and this will be shared with parents as part of our induction process.

Current Class/Teacher	→	New Class/Teacher (September 2020)
P1 Miss Hearty		P2 Miss Mc Anerney
P1 Mrs Mc Manus		P2 Mrs Crilly (Mrs Twene every Thursday)
P2 Mrs Crilly		P3 Mrs Gould
P2 Miss Mc Anerney		P3 Miss Clarke
P3 Mrs Gould		P4 Mrs Hanna
P3 Miss Clarke		P4 Mrs Connolly
P4 Mrs Hanna		P5 Mrs Gorman
P4 Mrs Connolly		P5 Ms Kitt
P5 Mrs Gorman		P6 Mrs Gartland
P5 Ms Kitt		P6 Mrs Mc Cambridge
P6 Mrs Gartland		P7 Mrs O'Hare
P6 Mrs Fleming		P7 Mrs Fleming

**School Uniform**

Just a reminder of our suppliers for our school uniform. Our school uniform is available from Mc Call's in Lisburn. Mc Call's have informed us that items are all available on their website: [mccallofislisburn.com](http://mccallofislisburn.com) They will be giving 20% discount on school uniform in June and July and their phone lines are open for any questions you may have regarding the uniform. Mc Call's are hoping to be re-opening the store very soon.

**PE Uniform**

Our PE uniform is available from O' Neill's in Kennedy Centre when normal shopping resumes. It consists of a polo shirt, half zip and track bottoms. Children in the infant end of the school may wear the polo shirt with navy blue bottoms along with their school jumper on PE days. The polo shirt can also be purchased from Mc Call's and the navy blue bottoms can be purchased from Tesco/Dunnes/Marks and Spencers etc.



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## P1 Induction Arrangements

This year this will take a very unusual direction this year with no contact day in June for pupils or their parents. Instead, we will operate in the following manner:

- Letters will be sent home to P1 pupils/parents during the first week in June with induction information.
- Induction packs will be ready to collect from Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th June. Your letter will explain your day for collecting the packs.

## Update on each Year group

### P7

Primary Seven have started 'Me, Myself and Moving On' as they prepare to transition to their new schools. We are working on making sure our Primary Seven children get together and are recognised for their contribution and achievements in their seven years at St. Joseph's. This is a hard time for the children as they are naturally concerned about life in a new school, especially with such uncertainty. We will be working with the children this month to think about people who inspire them, to reflect on their time at St. Joseph's and think about their interests and strengths. The children will be learning about inspirational people in our world, making goals for the future as well as reflecting on the past.

### P6

Primary 6 continue to work very hard at their home learning. This week was a special week in Primary 6 as they remembered their friend Charlie. Charlie's 10<sup>th</sup> birthday was on Wednesday. The children and teachers remembered Charlie in their own special way at home. We all wish Charlie a very happy heavenly birthday this week.

### P5

Primary Five have really enjoyed getting started on our new project of Egyptians. They have been exploring our new Fronter page and learning lots of interesting facts from our PowerPoint and eBooks. They had great fun creating Egyptian dictionaries. We are nearly finished our class novels and have been enjoying reading outside in the sun! This week in maths we have continued our topic of money and measures. Ms Kitt and Mrs Gorman are very proud of how hard you all have been working.

### P4

P4 began their new topic this week on Celebrations! They have been enjoying the Celebrations Fronter room where there are lots of great activities, PowerPoints, videos and links to brilliant websites. The children have logged on to Mrs Gorman's art tutorials where she has been delivering workshops on making Diwali lamps and Rangoli art. We have seen some really creative pieces and the children are certainly showing their artistic flair! We have also been working on our shared text also based on the Festival of Diwali, focussing on locating relevant information. The children are going to be writing about their favourite celebrations followed by planning their very own! In Numeracy we have been focusing on money ...finding change and solving word problems with shopping and menu themes! It's been a very busy week and the children continue to work extremely hard. We love sharing the variety of work and 'celebrating' all their achievements along their home learning journey!

### P3

We've come to the end of another brilliant week of home learning in P3. The children have been working so hard and Miss Clarke and Mrs Gould are very proud of them! This week in Literacy the children were demonstrating their understanding of hurricanes by reading an eBook and completing related activities. They have continued to read every day and have been working hard on their spelling tasks. We received some amazing Weather Reports too - super work! The children were also finding lots of synonyms for the word 'said' and we are sure that they will now use these in their written work when using speech marks. Our P3 superstar mathematicians were hard at work again learning all about division and sharing equally. They completed some fantastic practical work! Miss Clarke and Mrs Gould have loved seeing all the completed SeeSaw tasks and your photos and videos too - keep them coming! Sadly, we have come to the end of our Weather topic. We have really



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loved it, especially the STEM experiments, however, we are really excited to be moving on to our new topic about Animals next week! We can't wait to see the great activities that will be on the Animal page of our Fronter Room. You can check out some of our fantastic work on our school website and twitter page. Well done P3 - keep up the wonderful work!

**P2**

The children in P2 continued their excellent progress in home learning this week! They began their final topic of the year - 'Under the Sea' - and learned about the ocean as a habitat for different creatures. In Literacy, they focussed on reading for meaning and choosing words to complete sentences. This week, they also learned about opposites and had fun matching words and items with opposite meanings. It was a busy week in Numeracy...learning about 3D shapes, using coins to make amounts in a money box and interpreting a graph all about ice cream flavours...we hope everyone had the chance to sample a few ice cream flavours of their own, in this lovely sunshine! As always, another brilliant week with much appreciated photo and video updates from home - keep up this wonderful effort, everyone, you are doing so well!

**P1**

Yet another busy, exciting week in P1! We have embarked on our new topic 'Summer and Growing' and this week we were learning all about caterpillars and butterflies. Our work centred around the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle. We learned all about caterpillars being born from little tiny eggs, how they love to munch and eat and then they spin a fabulous cocoon and after a little while out pops a beautiful butterfly! Wow! The children have been writing sentences about the story, learning facts about life cycles and the days of the week and even creating some beautiful artwork! We have also been working on our addition facts and continuing to develop our understanding and use of mathematical language relating to capacity. We have been sharing our work and learning with our friends and teachers through Seesaw. Our teachers are so proud of everything we have been doing and they miss us so much.

**Stationery Lists for September**

With the impact of Covid-19, and the unavailability of shops being open at this time, we are sending out the stationary lists for September to allow parents to order online and mitigate against the last minute online rush for school-based orders.

The school budget, like most other schools, is under pressure from lack of funding. As part of our measures to reduce our budget deficit situation here in school, we would appreciate if all children were able to have the following stationery items when they return to school in the new academic year.

P1 – P4	P5 – P7
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HB Pencils</li> <li>• Erasers</li> <li>• Twistables</li> <li>• Pritt sticks</li> <li>• Whiteboard markers</li> <li>• 2 x A4 plastic zip folder</li> <li>• Pencil case</li> <li>• 30cm ruler (P3 &amp; P4)</li> <li>• Sharpener</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HB Pencils</li> <li>• Erasers</li> <li>• Twistables</li> <li>• Pritt sticks</li> <li>• Whiteboard markers</li> <li>• 2 x A4 plastic zip folder</li> <li>• Pencil case</li> <li>• 30cm ruler</li> <li>• 360 degree protractor (P7 only)</li> <li>• 1 compass (P7 only)</li> </ul>



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