

Principal's Update 27.6.23



Dear Parents,

We have finally reached the end of our academic year 2022-23. I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the staff team of St. Joseph and St. James's to sincerely thank you all for your continued support throughout this year.

I would like to personally thank our entire staff team, for their continued dedication and commitment. We wish them a blessed and well deserved Summer break.

At this time of year, we are working hard behind the scenes planning and preparing for the new academic year - September 2023, when we welcome our new cohort of P1 pupils.

As we close this current year, we naturally have staffing changes. You will have been notified of the teacher allocation in your child's end of year report, informing you of their teacher for the new academic year, please see below:

P1 – Mrs Wadsworth/Mrs Crawley
P2/3 – Mrs Sloan
P3/4 – Mrs McCooey
P5 – Mr O'Hagan
P6/7 – Mrs Shortt

Reminders:

Thursday 29.6.23 – Non-Uniform day proceeds in aid of charity – enable you as parents to gather any unwanted uniform, to bring to school for our Uniform Recycle event.

Monday 3.7.23 – Uniform recycling opportunity in school Assembly hall- please keep an eye on school app and Facebook page for further details.

Thursday 31.8.23 – First new day of term for all pupils. 9.00-12 noon.

Friday 1.9.23 – Full day for all pupils- see separate reference for P1 pupils.

New P1 pupils – Scoot to school: 9.15 – 11.00 a.m: 31.8.23 – 8.9.23.



We unfortunately have to say our goodbyes to some very valuable staff members and want to extend our sincere thanks to them for all their hard work, dedication and commitment to our staff team.



Mrs D Dillon

Mrs Dillon is due to retire at the close of this academic year. Mrs Dillon has been a wonderful Classroom Assistant and lunch time supervisor in our school for the last 6 years, as well as being a very reliable lead staff member of our afterschool minding club. Mrs Dillon will be sorely missed by both staff and pupils. Throughout the years she has worked both in St. Joseph and St. James's P.S. and Poyntzpass P.S. We wish Mrs Dillon a fond farewell and all good wishes from the family of St. Joseph and St. James's. Good Health and God Bless Denise.

We want to wish Mrs Gaffney as our General/SEN Assistant a fond farewell, although we sincerely hope it is a 'see you soon'. Mrs Gaffney has been a wonderful General and SEN Classroom Assistant, who will be greatly missed. She is leaving us, as this is her daughter Isla's final year in Primary school. All good wishes to Mrs Gaffney, we hope and pray to see you soon.



Mrs D Gaffney
General Assistant



Miss Fallon
Primary 2 SEN
Classroom Assistant

Miss Fallon has been a wonderful asset to our staff team. Although we knew we could only have her for one year! Miss Fallon came to us, as part of her placement year, as a Queens Undergraduate for Psychology and to say we are sorry to see her go is an understatement. We wish Miss Fallon all good wishes in her future studies and want her to know she will be greatly missed.

Thankyou for all your hard work!



Calling for your help and support for a very important event, where members from the community are walking from **GAA headquarters Dublin to Redmond O'Hanlon's GAC** over three days.

On **Sunday 2.7.23**, a representation of our pupils will walk with volunteers along the Canal Path for the final stretch. The organisers have asked for our support.

We require parent volunteers to assist with this day and names of pupils who wish to walk. If you

are available to volunteer, can you please email cwadsworth679@c2kni.net or lmccoey738@c2kni.net confirming your availability and that of your child.



Choir Party

Sincere thanks to all our pupils who continue to support our school choir at all major events, particularly at our Holy Communion and Confirmation ceremonies. It is wonderful to celebrate their commitment at our choir party, but more importantly to express our gratitude to all of them for all their help and sharing of their talents.

Well done everyone.





We hope you continue to follow our Facebook page for all up to date information.

Recently we celebrated the success of three more pupils Amelia, Emily and Rea, for their wonderful achievements in activities for swimming and gymnastics. Well done ladies.

Keep up the great work.



Congratulations to all our pupils who competed as part of the Abbey Grammar 'Blessed St. Edmund Rice' day. It was lovely to participate in events with another of our many Post Primary link schools. Thank you to Mr O'Hagan for facilitating this event and to the Abbey staff and link pupils for making our pupils feel so welcome.

Well done to everyone involved.





We bid a fond farewell to our class of 2023 on Friday 19.6.23. Do explore our Facebook page or website, to view the summary video of a very memorable event. Thankyou to Mrs Shortt our P7 teacher, for making their final year so special. A special thankyou to Mrs Hamill and Mr Conlon for supporting and sharing of their expertise to assist with their final performance. We wish all our outgoing pupils in P7 the very best of luck in all future endeavours. We have no doubt you will all excel!

Non-uniform day!



Parents we are inviting all used and unwanted uniforms to be donated to school, in preparation for the new academic year. If you wish to donate your child's old uniform to school, can you ensure it is cleaned, and brought to school **before 30.6.23.**

We will update you following receipt of uniforms and hope to provide an opportunity, early in July for you to visit the school. Keep an eye on our school app and Facebook page too.

PE Uniform orders

If you wish to purchase the O'Neills PE uniform or items from this option, please ensure you place your order via email to Mrs Morrow no later than 30.6.23.

lmorrow846@c2kni.net

We are now taking orders for the next academic year. Please be advised this is optional and NOT compulsory. Our PE uniform of plain navy tracksuit bottoms, white poloshirt and red sweatshirt is as outlined to you previously.

As the Summer break approaches we extend warmest wishes to all our St. Joseph and St. James's family, for a very happy, peaceful and well deserved Summer break.



Yours in continued partnership

C. Wadsworth and staff of St. Joseph and St. James's P.S.