

# St. Philip the Apostle Junior School



Newsletter



Dear Children and Parents,

It is hard to believe that we are approaching the summer holidays. It has been a wonderful school year full of hard work, successes and achievements. We hope all the children enjoy a well-deserved summer break after such a busy school year and come back refreshed on Thursday the 1<sup>st</sup> of September for the next school year.

## [Active Week and Play Day \(June 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>\)](#)

We had a wonderful Active Week in June where Ms O' Hare and the Active Team organised activities to keep us on our toes every day of the week. It is great to see the children enjoying such a healthy week in school with activities like yoga, dancing and 10@10. The best day of the week was definitely Play Day, where all classes took part in many fun activity stations around the school including the obstacle course, chalk & bubbles and the much loved Bouncy Castle. Sincere thanks to all the staff who played a huge part in the event preparation and tidy up.

## [Second Class Graduation Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2022](#)

Warm congratulations to our Second Classes who led a memorable Graduation Ceremony on Tuesday this week. The children presented songs and reflected on their Junior School memories. Each child received a graduation certificate. Many thanks to the children for a wonderful ceremony and to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Class

teachers, Mrs. Maye, Ms Moore & Ms Flavin for coordinating the event. We wish all our departing 2<sup>nd</sup> Class children all the very best as they progress to Third Class

## [Incoming Junior Infant Information Morning](#)

It was lovely to welcome in all the parents who have children enrolled for September 2022. Thank you to our Home, School & Community Liaison Officer (HSCL), Ms Harte and Ms Igoe. for organising this event. We look forward to welcoming all new junior infants and their families in September 2022. We wish them all a happy four years in St. Philips Junior National School.

## [Aladdin Connect Update](#)

Many thanks to parents for registering with Aladdin Connect. We strongly encourage all parents to download the Aladdin app in order to keep up to date with school notifications. We encourage any parent who has not signed up to Aladdin Connect to do in the coming days! It is essential for communication with you. Going forward into 2022/2023 the school will be optimising the way in which we use Aladdin Connect by introducing the ePayment system. The purpose of the ePayment system is to facilitate the easier payment of school money collections for parents/guardians and to reduce the amount of cash and cheques being sent to our school. More news on new features as they are introduced. Watch this space.

## [School Reports](#)

School reports have been sent home and are available to view digitally via Aladdin Connect. It was a privilege to read through all the reports and see first-hand the incredible work that has taken place by our tremendous children, parents and teachers during challenging times. As a school, we

wish to thank you for all you have done as parents and guardians this year in supporting your child's learning and in working in partnership with the school team. We look forward to your continued collaboration.



### School Tours

It was super to get back to school tour mania!! During the summer term each year group enjoyed their annual school tours immensely. The Junior Infants & Senior Infants visited Newgrange Farm, the First Class children went to Causey Farm and our Second Class children spent the day in Dublin Zoo. Great fun and adventures were had by all and super memories made. Sincere thanks to all of the parents who gave up their time to accompany the children and teachers on the various tours. We greatly appreciate your time and support



### In School Activities

As well as working hard on their reading, writing and maths, the children in the school have been learning in many different ways; Here is a taster of what has been going on: Junior Infants have been learning through play with hands on Aistear Stations. They learned about the farm in the month of May. As well as visiting the farm for their school tour. Classes had a taste of musicianship with a few weeks of ukulele lessons from Sheilagh Fox and all also tried ballet with Clare Connolly. A big thank you to Mrs. Gráinne O'Sullivan for coordinating Musical Mondays all year and sharing music and ideas with all the classes. Maith thú



### Book Lists

A reminder that as a school, we bulk-buy school books on your behalf to ensure the best value. We will accept payments from Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September on our return to school.



### School Calendar for 2022/23

<b>School re-opens</b>	Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> of Sept
<b>Oct Mid-term Break</b>	Closed from Monday October 31 <sup>st</sup> – Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> November . School reopens Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> /11/2022
<b>Christmas Holidays</b>	Closed from Thursday December 22 <sup>nd</sup> to Wednesday January 5 <sup>th</sup> . School reopens on Thursday 05/01/2023
<b>St. Brigids Days</b>	School Closed on Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2023
<b>Feb Mid-term Break</b>	Closed on Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> & Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2023
<b>St Patrick's Day</b>	Closed Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> and Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> of March 2023
<b>Easter Holidays</b>	Closing Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> of March 2023 Reopening Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> of April 2023
<b>May Bank Holiday</b>	Closed Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> (Public Holiday) and Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> of May 2023
<b>June Bank Holiday</b>	Closed Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> (Public Holiday), Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> of June 2023
<b>Summer Holidays</b>	Closing on Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> of June 2023

### Thank you

A big thank you to all the parents, guardian & families from all the staff in St. Philips JNS for the fantastic continued support. We look forward to seeing you all on Thursday the 1<sup>st</sup> of September.

*Wishing every good wish,  
Ruth Molloy (Principal) & Eimear Igoe (Deputy Principal)*