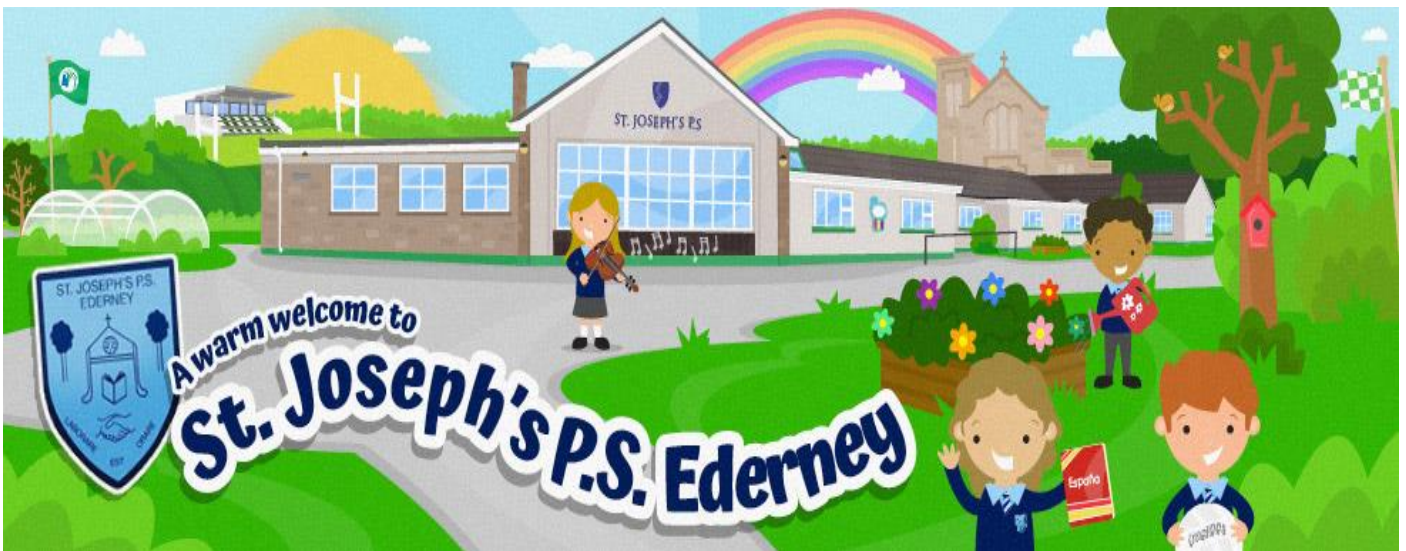


**Saint Joseph's Primary School**  
**&**  
**Ederney Community Nursery**

***Newsletter***

**Principal: Mrs S. Gallagher**  
**Senior Teacher: Mrs A. Hagan**  
**Tel: 028 686 31403**  
**Fax: 028 686 32458**

**12, Ardvarney Rd.,**  
**Ederney,**  
**Co. Fermanagh**  
**BT930HA**



**7th September 2023**

## New School Year

Welcome back to all our pupils and staff, after a well-earned summer break. A special welcome to our new Nursery and Primary 1 pupils and to Rion Rose Kelly in Primary 2.

## New School Secretary

We are delighted to welcome Jackie Logue our new school secretary to St. Joseph's P.S. Jackie has settled in her new role very well and we are all looking forward to working alongside her. We hope that Jackie has many happy years in St. Joseph's P.S.

## PE for all Classes

PE with Core NI for all classes will begin next Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September. P1,2 and 3 pupils can wear their PE clothes to school each Friday. P4-7 pupils can bring their PE gear and change in school.

## Morning Supervision

School begins at 9.15a.m. Staff are on site from 8.50 a.m. onwards and in the interests of pupil safety, Children should not be in school prior to this time.

## Homework

Parents are reminded about the importance of homework. It reinforces what is learnt in school and develops the child's independence. **Homework diaries should be signed nightly**, to ensure that tasks are completed and that parents are satisfied with their child's efforts.

## Nut Allergy

St. Joseph's is **nut free zone** and it is vital that foods containing nuts **ARE NOT** taken to school.

## Milk Money

Milk remains an important source of vitamins and calcium for growing children and contributes to a balanced diet. If you would like your child to take milk the cost for this term (September – December) is **£14**. The total amount should be

paid to your child's teacher before **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September, when the order will be placed with the dairy. Orders will not be accepted after this date.**

Should your child decide not to take milk during the term a refund will not be possible, as the school will already have been billed for the full amount.

### **Healthy Eating**

In St. Joseph's we encourage our pupils to eat healthily. Pupils should therefore not bring sweets or crisps to school, for break or lunchtime snacks. Children are also encouraged to drink water during the school day. Fizzy and diluted drinks are not permitted, in the interests of promoting good dental health. Pupils should drink water from their own transparent water bottles.

### **Dinner Money**

The cost of a pupil dinner is £2.60 per day/£13.00 per week. It would be greatly appreciated, by the canteen staff, if all pupils have the correct money for their dinner each day. There will be a copy of the menu on the school website.

### **Break-time – Snack Price List**

Tea	40p
Bottles of Water	50p
Milkshake	40p
Scones	20p
Fruit Cup	40p
Crusty roll	20p
Pancake	40p
Yogurts	40p

### **Free School Meals**

If you feel your child is entitled to free school meals, it is **vital**ly important that you make an application to the Education Authority, to register your child. Even if your child does not want to take school dinners please apply anyway, as this has a major impact on our school budget.

Please note that if your child currently receives Free School Meals, or a school uniform grant, ***you must reapply again for the forthcoming school year.***

Applications must be made directly to the Education Authority. Further details can be found online at:

<http://www.eani.org.uk/i-want-to/apply-for-free-school-meals-and-or-school-uniform/> or by phoning 028 82 411411

### **Afterschool Club**

Parents interested in availing of our Afterschool Club can contact Mrs Pauline McGoldrick, Afterschool Leader on 07926752893. This service is available for P1 & 2 children from **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September** and will be available from **2.00pm to 3.00pm Monday to Thursday** each week. Please note there will be no Afterschool Fun Day Fridays until further notice. Afterschool cost is **£3.00** per hour.

**P1** pupils will be able to avail of Afterschool facilities from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Transfer Procedure – SEAG Entrance Assessment**

If you wish your child to sit the **SEAG Entrance Assessment 2023**, please ensure that you register your child directly through <https://seagni.co.uk/> by **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023**.

### **School Holidays**

A school holiday list was issued in June and is available on our school website.

### **Passport & Driving Licence Forms**

If you require a passport or driving licence form to be signed, please leave your form and associated documents into the school office. Please note that, due to the administration time involved, a contribution of £5.00 per form, in lieu of school funds, is required.

### **Roald Dahl Day**

We will celebrate Roald Dahl Day in school, on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September**. We ask that all our pupils come to school wearing something yellow, as that was Roald Dahl's favourite colour. We would be grateful if each pupil could also bring £1.00. All contributions will go to School Funds.

## **School Parking Areas**

In the interest of safety, we appeal to all parents/grandparents/childminders to park safely outside the school. It is important to keep both entrance and exit clear to ensure that our buses can enter and leave the school grounds safely. The chapel carpark is available for parking and classroom assistants supervise your child crossing the road safely. Please refrain from turning at the school ground entrance and/or exit.

## **Data Collection Form**

Your child will receive a data collection form in the next few days, please update any changes on this and return it to school asap. Could all P1 parents send in a copy of your child's birth certificate. You will also receive a child protection summary and photo permission slip. Please sign and return.