

Saint Joseph's Primary School
&
Ederney Community Nursery

Newsletter

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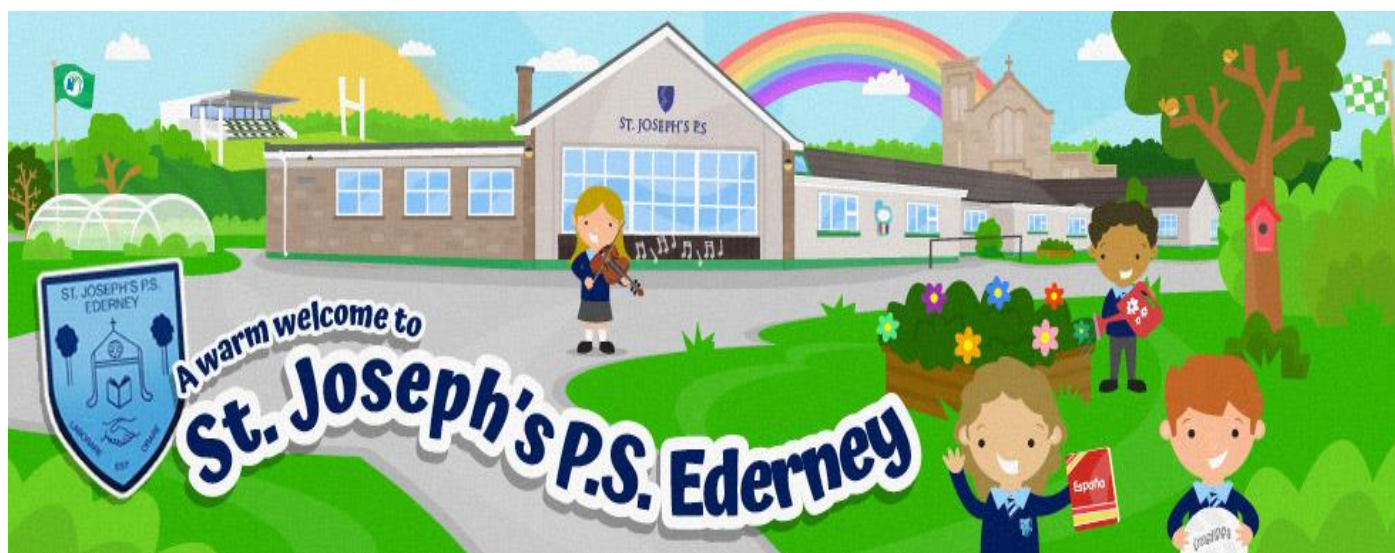
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New School Year

We are all delighted to be back at school and we are really looking forward to the year ahead. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome back all our pupils and it is lovely to see how they have blossomed and grown over the summer months. A very special welcome to our new Nursery and Primary 1 pupils who have made the transition to school so seamlessly – well done!

Beginning of Year School Mass

Our beginning of year school mass will take place on **Wednesday 17th September at 10.00am in St. Joseph's Church**. All parents are welcome to attend.

Staff

We were very sorry to say farewell to two very valuable classroom assistants, Tanya Lynch and Christina Sproule. We wish both Tanya and Christina every success in their new ventures.

We are delighted to welcome Hollie Archer, Criostina Maye and Miss Rhianna Farry as temporary classroom assistants.

We are also delighted to welcome back Miss Gallagher to cover P1/2 class while Mrs McCusker is on maternity leave.

PE for all Classes

PE with Core NI for all classes will begin next **Friday 12th 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.

Fermanagh GAA Coaching will begin **Wednesday 17th September** for all classes. Once again 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.

Hurling for P4 - P6 will begin **Thursday 11th September 10.30pm – 1.30pm**. This will continue each Thursday for 4 weeks. Children can bring their PE gear to school and change in class. Helmets and hurls will be provided by the coach.

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 unless attending our Breakfast Club.**

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 **£13**. The total amount should be paid to your child's teacher before **Monday 9th 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.

Price of milk is included in monthly snack cost for P1,2 and 3

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 sugar 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. Money can be paid via our Parent Pay App. There will be a copy of the menu on the school website.

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

Break-time – Snack Price List

All pupils are able to purchase a healthy snack from the canteen at breaktime each day.

Tea	40p
Apple Juice	50p
Bottles of Water	50p
Milkshake	40p
Scones	30p
Pancakes	50p
Bagels	50p
Fruit Cup	50p
Crusty roll	32p
Pancake	50p
Yogurts	50p

P1-3 can also purchase snack each day however to avoid confusion with money please send in **£8 per month** to cover the cost of snack – please note that this also covers the cost of their milk.

Breakfast Club

We intend offering a Breakfast Club each morning 8.15am – 9.00am at a cost of £3 per child per day (family of 3 or more £6 per day). Cereal & juice/toast & juice will be included in this price. If we do not have sufficient numbers for the Breakfast Club, we will not be able to continue to offer this facility.

Afterschool Club

Parents interested in availing of our Afterschool Club (**2.00pm to 3.00pm**), can do so via our School App. This service is available for P2 pupils from **Monday 8th September** and P1 pupils from **Monday 15th September** - Afterschool cost is **£3.00** per hour.

Homework Club

Homework Club 3.00pm – 4.00pm will begin **Monday 8th September**. We will trial this for the month of September and if there are sufficient numbers to make this financially viable, we will continue to run this each week.

Transfer Procedure – SEAG Entrance Assessment

If you wish your child to sit the **SEAG Entrance Assessment 2025**, please ensure that you register your child directly through <https://seagni.co.uk/> **by Friday 19th September 2025**.

School Holidays

Please note that holidays should be taken within the specified holidays as listed in our school holiday calendar.

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 **Monday 15th 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 towards new reading books.

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, please update any changes on this and return it to school asap.

Photograph Consent Form

Please ensure you complete photograph consent form as quickly as possible so that we can share photographs of first days of school etc.