



'Being the best that we can be'

Newsletter – June Extra 2017

Dear Parents,

2016/2017 A Memorable Year for St. Joseph's!

As we approach the end of the academic year it is timely to reflect on the past year in St. Joseph's Primary School. This year has been a very busy year in school. We began the post-inspection process with the development of six post-inspection action plans. The Education and Training Inspectorate carried out its Interim Follow-Up Visit in December 2016 and was extremely positive about the improvements made. The school's rigorous monitoring process has identified the improvements made in Literacy, Numeracy and ICT and this has been confirmed by the school's very positive Literacy and Numeracy data this month which you as parents have received this month in your child's annual report. Recent surveys of parents, pupils and staff have been very favourable as can be seen in the summary enclosed.

This year has been the most successful year ever in sporting achievements with success in athletics, swimming, camogie, Gaelic football, one wall handball and netball. Congratulations to all those pupils who represented St. Joseph's this year.

One of the highlights of the year was our Primary 7 performance of 'Joseph and his Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat' in May. It was the first time we had staged our annual show in the superb surroundings of Lisburn's Island Hall and we are sure it won't be the last.

St. Joseph's very active Parent Teachers' Association also had their most successful year yet with the total raised so far currently standing at over £9000. As Governors we would like to thank the PTA for their commitment to raising those extra funds for the school and we thank you too for your generosity in supporting the many events held this year.

This year we said goodbye to 56 Primary 7 pupils with 24 families ending their family ties. We wish them well as their journey takes a different path in post-primary education.

We say goodbye to Mrs Gillian Gowdy in the school office. We would like to thank Gillian for her 9 years of service to St. Joseph's and wish her well for the future.

As Governors we wish to sincerely thank all the staff team in St. Joseph's for their commitment and hard work to secure improvement this year.

We hope you all have a very happy and safe summer holiday and we look forward to a successful 2017/2018

Yours sincerely,

Eileen Cooley
Chair, Governors

On behalf of all of the St. Joseph's family I would like to thank you all very sincerely for your support over the last year. You will agree that it has been a very busy one here in St. Joseph's but a very successful one as well. We wish you a very happy and safe summer holiday and we look forward to a new year in August. Pauline

Pick up Arrangements for Friday 30 June

In order to ensure the safe pick up of pupils from the school on Friday 30 June we will implement the previous arrangements as follows:

- All P1 – p3 children with no siblings in P4- P6 must be picked up at 11.30am at their normal pick up point
- P4 – P6 pupils with siblings must be picked up at 11.45am at their normal pick up points

Starting dates in 2017/2018

Please remember that school starts for all children in P2 – P7 on **Wednesday 30 August**. Dinners and Cool Kids will be available on that day. P1 pupils have their own starting dates and times. School holidays for 2017/2018 are currently available on the school website www.stjosephsschool.org

Classes for 2017/2018

I am delighted to welcome Mr Damian Reid, Mr Patrick Gallagher and Mrs Siobhan Dunniece who have been newly appointed to St. Joseph's. I will continue in my role as Acting Principal in 2017/2018. Classes for 2017/ 2018 are as follows:

Class in 2016/2017	Class in 2017/2018
	P1 Mrs McManus
	P1 Mrs Crilly (Mrs Dunniece on Thursdays)
P1 Mrs Crilly	P2 Miss McAnerney
P1 Mrs McManus	P2 Miss Beatty
P2 Miss McAnerney	P3 Mrs Kitt
P2 Miss Beatty	P3 Miss Clarke
P3 Miss Clarke	P4 Mrs Gould
P3 Mrs Kitt	P4 Mrs Connolly
P4 Mrs Connolly	P5 Mr Reid
P4 Mrs Gould	P5 Mrs Gartland
P5 Mrs Gartland	Mr P Gallagher
P5 Mr Reid	P6 Mrs Hanna
P6 Mrs Gorman	P7 Mrs O'Hare
P6 Mrs McCambridge	P7 Mrs McCambridge



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