



St. Joseph's Primary School
42 Castle Street
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'Being the best that we can be'

Friday Note Looking back...

Friday 22 June 2018

No.30

Welcome to the last Friday Note of the year!

What a year it has been...a busy one but a very successful one for us all here in St. Joseph's. Our ETI Inspection report affirmed all of the positive steps towards school improvement that we have taken over the past two years. As a whole school community we were delighted! But as you know, schools do not stand still and we are currently putting our School Development Plan together for 2018/2019. We will keep you posted in September!

Staffing Update

On Monday we welcome Mrs McManus back from her maternity leave. We would like to thank Mrs Gorman for all she has done for Primary 1 and for the school as a whole this year. We are not saying good bye to Mrs Gorman as she will be returning as P6 teacher in September.

We will say goodbye to Miss Vient our Primary 2 classroom assistant who is leaving St. Joseph's to continue with her music career. We thank Miss Vient for her commitment to St. Joseph's and wish her well in her new venture.

Traffic

Unfortunately, on Monday I received a call from a relative of one of the elderly residents in Clanmill Housing at the top of our lane. She had been taking her relative out to an appointment and the top of their lane was blocked by parent cars waiting to pick up their children. I understand that parking is difficult around the school but I urge all parents to avoid Clanmill's entrance in the mornings and at both afternoon pick-ups. Thank you.

Parent Surveys

Thank you to everyone who completed the parent survey recently. The results are extremely positive and provide us with positive feedback from the parent voice. A copy of the findings has been emailed to you. The results of parent, staff and pupil surveys will be used to help us complete our school development plan for 2018/2019.

Annual Reports

Annual Reports will be distributed today with children. Please check schoolbags. I have read all of the pupil reports this week and I must say that each of them gives a very detailed picture of each child. Please note teacher comments, especially in relation to the 'Focus for Development.' Pupils should be encouraged to read at every opportunity over the summer. They can continue to use Athletics as well. This will help ready them for their next year in school. We are currently reviewing the format of our reports to ensure accuracy of information and detail for parents. We will keep you posted.

Leavers' Mass and Presentation Morning

This morning we say goodbye to 49 Primary 7 pupils at our Leaver's Mass and Presentation morning. We are so proud of our Primary 7 pupils and the excellent ambassadors they have been for our school. We will miss them dearly but we wish them all the very best for their exciting futures in their new schools.

We also say goodbye to 20 families who have their last connection with St. Joseph's. We thank all of our Primary 7 parents for their support over the last 7 years.

Family Fund

Thank you so much for all your support for this new initiative. Already we have collected £2635. This is an amazing total. Thank you!

Act of Kindness

Well done to Ellie Campbell in P4 who has recently had her lovely hair cut into a bob and sent to the Princess Trust to be donated to children in need! What a lovely thing to do. Well done Ellie!

Fun Run

Well done to everyone who participated in Wednesday night's fun run. There was a chill in the air but we were all warmed up nicely by Brian Magee...thank you Brian. Well done to Anna Broderick in P6 who was the third female to cross the line. A remarkable achievement for someone so young. Thank you to everyone for participating and please donate if you can through the Just Giving page. Thank you.



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Looking ahead....

What's happening next week?

Summer Pack for P6

The summer pack for P6 pupils is now available at a cost of £13.

National Book Tokens

Please help us win £5000 for our school libraries? All you have to do is follow this link and complete your details and we could be in with a chance of winning £5000 in National Book Tokens.

<https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools#WyDvQinTUoN>

Next week.....

Transitioning Classes

Next week pupils will get the chance to meet their new teachers and see where their classroom is etc. This will happen on Thursday morning. Pupils will return to their current classrooms afterwards to enjoy the end of term with their current teacher.

Teachers will meet to pass on all relevant information to the next teacher on Monday and Tuesday of next week.

Pick-Up Arrangements for Friday 29 June 2018

In order to ensure the safe pick-up of pupils from the school next week we will implement the previous arrangements as follows:

- **All P1 – P3 children with no siblings in P4- P6 must be picked up at 11.30pm at their normal pick up point**
- **P4 – P6 pupils with siblings must be picked up at 11.45am at their normal pick up points**

Monday 25 June 2018	Tuesday 26 June 2018	Wednesday 27 June 2018	Thursday 28 June 2018	Friday 29 June 2018
Rathmore students on work experience Mrs McManus returns from maternity leave Mrs Hanna: Literacy development day: Miss McNally Class teachers' transition meetings	Rathmore students on work experience Mrs Hanna: Literacy development day: Miss McNally Class teachers' transition meetings	11am: P6 Employability Workshop with PSNI	Transitioning classes	Last day of term Please see pick up arrangements above

On behalf of our entire school community we would like to thank you for all your support over the past year. We wish you all a very happy, healthy and peaceful summer. We look forward to seeing all our P2 – P7 pupils on Friday 31 August and to meeting our new Primary 1 pupils as they arrive. ...Pauline



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