



St. Joseph's Primary School
42 Castle Street
Lisburn
BT274XE

'Being the best that we can be'

Friday Note

Friday 11th September

No. 4

Dear Parents,

Another busy week in St Joseph's! It has been great to see some of the fantastic work taking place across each of the year groups. Please take special notice of our consent forms this week.

P1 welcome

This week we welcomed all of our P1 pupils and we have had a lovely week. Mrs McManus and Miss Beatty have been so impressed with how well all the pupils have settled and we can't wait to get to know each of them throughout the year. Well done to the mums and dads who held it together (for the most part!) as they handed their precious little people into our trust!!

COVID-19 guidance

Yesterday (Thursday), guidance was released from the Chief Medical Officer in conjunction with DE and the PHA. This guidance sets out when you should book a test and what to do in a series of scenarios. This guidance is available on our website. <https://www.stjosephsschool.org/news-/news/information-for-parents-and-carers-from-the-chief-medical-officer/>

Please consult this document before phoning the school office for guidance.

Homework in Key Stage 2

Children in P5, P6 and P7 will have two homework books starting from this Monday 14th September. Children in some classes have books at home to work from and some homework will be shared on the Google Drive. The week's homework schedule will be on the Google Drive as are the spellings for each week. Homework will be explained to the children in school.

Book 1 will go home on a Monday and should be brought back into school on the Friday morning of that week. Your child should place the book in the box outside the room.

The box will be sealed and after a 72hour period the homework will be corrected with the children.

Book 2 will go home the following week.

Remember learning and research homework may be sent home too so there may not be written homework every night.

Consent Forms

This year our consent forms will be sent out through a link to Google Forms. You will receive this link today. It is of the utmost importance that each child has a completed consent form to cover photographs and school outings.

PTA

The PTA had their first meeting of the year on Zoom on Tuesday night. It was a great meeting with lots of fundraising ideas discussed for the year ahead.

EGM: Thursday 8th October at 7.30pm under the Cool Kids Canopy (to allow for social distancing)

Next Zoom Meeting: Thursday 15th October at 7pm.

New members are more than welcome. If you would like to join the Zoom meeting contact one of the PTA members or send a private message to the PTA Facebook page for further details.

Birthdays

At the present time, we request that you do not send in birthday treats to be shared with the class.

Medical Forms

If you wish for a teacher to complete a Medical Form for your child, please send the form directly to Mr McMahan via the school office and not the class teacher. Please allow at least 5 days for the form to be completed.



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Schoolbags

Parents may now opt to send their children to school with a schoolbag. We appreciate that this is an extra item transferring between home and school but it may make it easier for pupils to carry their various belongings.

School canteen

Next week will see the return of hot dinners and the use of the canteen. Dinners should be booked through the online system.

Those pupils taking packed lunches will continue to eat in class with adult supervision.

The McGrath Family

We were deeply saddened this week to learn of the passing of Mr Gerry McGrath(RIP). Gerry was the husband of Mrs Ailish McGrath, an amazing colleague of ours who worked with us from 2000 until 2015. We wish to pass on our sincere condolences to Ailish and Gerry's children who are past pupils of our school and to his wider family circle. May they rest in peace and happiness together.

First Communion

We have been in contact with the parish office. We have been instructed that each child can only be accompanied by two adults. Unfortunately, this decision is beyond our control and that of the parish.

Further information to the P5 classes will be released in due course.

The week ahead – 14/9/20

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
IFA coaching P5-7	Art/Creative Voices – P6EMcC		Art/Creative Voices – P6CG	

After two full weeks back at St Joseph's I must comment on the impact of our full return to school. The positivity and vibrancy our pupils have brought to the school has spread throughout our entire school community. The children have been an example to us all. I think they deserve a treat this weekend!

Barry McMahan

Acting Principal

'Let us pick up our books and our pens; they are our most powerful weapons.'

Malala Yousafzai



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