



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

'Being the best that we can be'

Friday Note

Friday 18th September

No. 5

Dear Parents,

Reading aloud

What is the single greatest thing parents can focus on to support their child's learning? Teachers are asked this all the time. The majority of teachers will provide the same answer; encourage and facilitate a love of reading. During lockdown, many children continued to read but perhaps missed out on the opportunities to read aloud, as they would in guided reading lessons with teacher or classroom assistant. Primary children are never too old to read aloud. It develops expression and fluency and the art of performing. For younger pupils, listening to you read aloud has countless benefits.

https://www.pearson.com/content/dam/one-dot-com/one-dot-com/uk/documents/Learner/Primary/Primary%20parents/Pearson_EnjoyReading_03.pdf

Communication policy

This week we are sending out our new Communication Policy. This is partly in response to COVID-19 but is also intended to reiterate our open door policy and recognising the absolutely crucial relationship between home and school.

The policy can be found on our website and can also be accessed via this link;

<https://www.stjosephsschool.org/news-/news/parent-teacher-communication-policy/>

P7 Parent meetings

These will commence in the week beginning 5th October. Times will be given out on Monday.

Curriculum Information

Covid 19 restrictions means that we are not able to facilitate Curriculum Meetings for parents this year. Curriculum PowerPoint presentations for P1 – P6 will be uploaded onto the school website in the coming days. These presentations will give you a flavour of the learning that is to come for your child this year.

The Primary 7 Transfer PowerPoint presentation was emailed to parents during lockdown and provides the information needed for parents of pupils in Primary 7.

P1 Photos

The Tempest photographer will be in school on **Thursday 1st October** to take photographs of our Primary 1 children and their classes. Unfortunately, at this time, they cannot offer family photographs. The photographer will provide school with a small proof that will be sent home within a few weeks of the photographs being taken and from this proof parents can decide what to order. There will be a price list attached. Parents are under no obligation to purchase photographs. Get your best smiles at the ready!

Healthy Break policy

We try to promote healthy breaks and lunches throughout the week. Fruit, yoghurts, crackers/breadsticks are all considered healthy breaks.

We also encourage a healthy lunch box as well.

Save the chocolate and crisps for a well deserved weekend treat!

Consent Forms

Just a reminder for any outstanding consent forms to be returned as soon as possible, please.

School dinners

With the canteen now open again, the menu for dinners can be found here; <https://www.stjosephsschool.org/news-/news/dinner-menu-september-2020/>



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A reminder that dinners must be booked online using the school money system. If a child receives free school meals, they still must be booked in for dinners.

Good luck wishes

Miss Beatty's brother, Ronan, will line out for Carryduff this weekend in the Down Senior Football Final. Ronan currently works in Cool Kids. Last weekend, he played a key role in their semi-final win. We wish you and your teammates the very best of luck on Sunday evening against Kilcoo.

Let's hope that in the months and years to come we will be issuing similar good luck messages to our local club, St Patrick's GAC, who do so much excellent work in our community.

PTA

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.

The Welcome House EU Settlement Scheme

All EU/EEA citizens and non-EU family members need to apply to this scheme so that their rights are protected and so they can continue to be eligible for public services such as healthcare and schools. It is important that ALL members of the family apply to the scheme including children so that they can access further education and employment rights in the future.

Information, in different languages, can be accessed here; <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/eu-settlement-scheme-translated-information-materials>

You may also contact Beata Zak at The Welcome House, 28-30 Bridge Street, Lisburn, BT28 1XY / T: 02892664443

The week ahead – 21/9/20

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
IFA coaching P5-7	P5ES Art Day with Mrs Gorman	School nurse – P2	P5CK Art Day with Mrs Gorman	
School nurse – P2	Music tuition - clarinet	Music tuition – violin	Music tuition - flute	

A weekend of sunshine is forecast. A chance for us all to catch our breaths and enjoy some time outdoors! Have a good one!

Barry McMahon

Acting Principal

'Mol an óige agus tiocfaidh si – Praise the youth and they will flourish'

Irish proverb



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