



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

Friday Note

Friday 26th June 2020

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Good morning everyone,

Our final Friday note of the year! Many of us didn't think we'd make it but we have!! As parents who have had to juggle so much, it's time to step back, relax and give yourselves a big pat on the back for all of the teaching you have done during lockdown. Perhaps we could avail of your expert services next year if we need subs!!

I am sure our incoming P7s will take a shorter break than others. Keep up the hard work everyone. I have no doubt you'll hit the ground running when we return. Mrs Fleming and Mrs O'Hare are itching to get started!!

Cool Kids

Cool Kids will recommence in July as stated in correspondence earlier in the week. Refer to documentation on website if interested.

P1 and P2

If you have any reading books or library books belonging to the school can these be dropped off at school on **Monday 29 June between 9am and 11am**. Thank you

Reading Books/Library Books Amnesty

If you have any reading books/library books belonging to the school, please leave them back to school in the coming weeks. It is so important that we have all our books returned for our pupils next year. Thank you.

Update on each Year group

P7

Goodbye to our Primary 7 children.

This week the P7 children collected their 'Class of 2020 hoodies'. The excitement in the hall was 'electric', the children danced, sang and smiled - they were so happy to see their friends. The energy was fantastic and it gave a little flavour of the fun we will have at our Leaver's Presentation and Party in late August / early September. We would just like to thank our P7 children for being so positive throughout this whole experience - they have missed so much of their final year of primary school and will recognise each and every one of them at our presentation. Mrs McCambridge and Mrs O'Hare want to thank all the children and parents for their support over the last year and they look forward to a brilliant celebration soon.

Our virtual Leavers video will be available to watch today (for our P7s) - we will put some clips on the website and Twitter. Every child in P7 recorded a message for their friends, sang a song, showed off some sporting skills... the list goes on. The video will be a memory for every child and they can look back on this in years to come with fond memories of their time at St. Joseph's.

P6

Primary 6 had another super final week of remote learning this week. The pupils have completed many super projects on Titanic and Mrs Gartland and Mrs Fleming loved seeing them this week. They enjoyed another lovely discussion on Google Classroom, this one looking forward to the summer holidays and what they might be doing then. Mrs Gartland and Mrs Fleming are so proud of all the primary 6 pupils and their hard work, positivity and enthusiasm throughout their home learning journey. They wish them a very happy summer holiday and can't wait to catch up with them all again in August!

P5

Mrs Gorman and Ms Kitt would like to sincerely thank the parents and children in Primary 5. We have really enjoyed sharing this experience with you! It certainly has been a unique journey! We are very proud of how the children responded to Home Learning; we have all learned a lot! We hope you have a well deserved summer break. We look forward to seeing you all on our return to school. Have fun, stay safe!



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P4

Mrs Connolly and Mrs Hanna have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the P4 children this year! We have so many happy memories of our year together, from Tennis and Badminton, to our trips to the Library and Linen Museum and of course, our Evacuee Day! We have watched you all grow during Lockdown and you have been amazing, showing us your talents and creativity! We know you will all blossom in Primary Five and wish you all the very best of luck! Keep up the good work!

Mrs Connolly and Mrs Hanna.

P3

We can't believe that we have come to the end of P3! It has been a fantastic, yet very different year and we are very sad that our time together was cut short. However, Miss Clarke and Mrs Gould are so proud of every single one of their P3 superstars! Everyone has worked so hard throughout the year for both of us and we are really going to miss you all next year. There has been amazing work carried out at home over the past 13 weeks with lots of learning and fun! We've covered so much including, materials, weather, animals, multiplication, division, speech marks, contracted words and much more! We have loved staying in touch with you all through SeeSaw and Fronter and seeing what you have been up to. Your photos, videos and SeeSaw activities have just blown us away - they've kept us entertained and laughing too!! We will never forget the STEM videos that we received and also the most recent SeeSaw task, 'Ahhhhh there's a teacher in my house!' They really did make us both smile! We would also like to say a big thank you to all our parents - you have done an absolutely amazing job working at home with your children and we are so grateful for all the support that you have given us. Stay safe and keep smiling!

P2

We have come to the end of a very different P2 year. It was an absolute pleasure and privilege to have all your boys and girls. We laughed, played and learned together and then you all rose to the challenge of remote learning. Thank you so much for all your input and hard work. Good luck to everyone for the big P3 class. We know you must be so excited to come back to school in August.

P1

Oh boys and girls - who can believe we have come to the end of the school Year! It seems only yesterday you came with your mums and dads to meet us in your nursery uniforms and now you are ready for P2! Wow - what a wonderful but unexpected year it has been! We have shared some fabulous times together from meeting our big P7 Buddies, making walls for Humpty Dumpty, exploring Castle Gardens, our trip to the Pantomime in Belfast, our own fabulous Christmas Concert, learning about the Polar Lands and how to make and melt ice, making pancakes on Pancake Tuesday, celebrating Valentines Day with the people we love and going green for St Patrick's Day! The list goes on and on! We had so many more things planned but we are just so thankful that all our boys and girls have stayed safe and are now ready to continue their learning journey in P2. We are so proud of each and every one of you and we really want to thank you and all your families for working so hard this year. We are sad that the our P1 year is coming to an end but we know our memories together will last forever. Thank you for being Super Stars this year!

Mrs McManus, Mrs Toman, Mrs Noblett and Miss Hearty

Creative Voices

This week Creative Voicers were learning some Relaxation activities, Distraction activities and ways to feel better. Everyone still needs to look after themselves and each other over the summer. Ms Gorman is in awe of each and everyone of you and how well you've coped during lockdown. She has sent you all a special individual message and can't wait to see you all again

P7s She wishes you every best wish for your new school and is confident you will blossom and flourish. You have gained the skills to be happy, mature, resilient young people and she couldn't be prouder.

School Uniform



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Just a reminder of our suppliers for our school uniform. Our school uniform is available from Mc Call's in Lisburn. Mc Call's have informed us that items are all available on their website: mccallsoflisburn.com They will be giving 20% discount on school uniform in June and July and their phone lines are open for any questions you may have regarding the uniform. Mc Call's are hoping to be re-opening the store very soon.

PE Uniform

Our PE uniform is available from McCalls and O' Neill's in Kennedy Centre when normal shopping resumes. It consists of a polo shirt, half zip and track bottoms. Children in the infant end of the school may wear the polo shirt with navy blue bottoms along with their school jumper on PE days. The polo shirt can also be purchased from Mc Call's and the navy blue bottoms can be purchased from Tesco's/Dunnes/Marks and Spencers etc.

Unused School Uniform

Mrs O'Hare has been in touch with Oxfam and through July and August, they will accept donations of school uniforms.

ECO FLAG

Exciting news - we have been awarded our Eco Flag renewal. Mrs Hunter and the Eco Council worked hard in term one and two submitting work, we thought we would have to wait until next year but we didn't. We have a few areas to work on with our new team in September. Thank you to our P7 Eco Members and the very talented Mrs Hunter for all the work they do.

Have a lovely summer!!

On behalf of the staff, can I wish you all a lovely summer. We can't wait to see you all back in St. Joseph's in September. As I have previously stated, if there are any new developments around reopening, I will update you immediately. Stay safe, stay healthy and stay happy!!

P.S. If you happen to hear people humming or whistling 'You'll Never Walk Alone' today, join in!!!



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