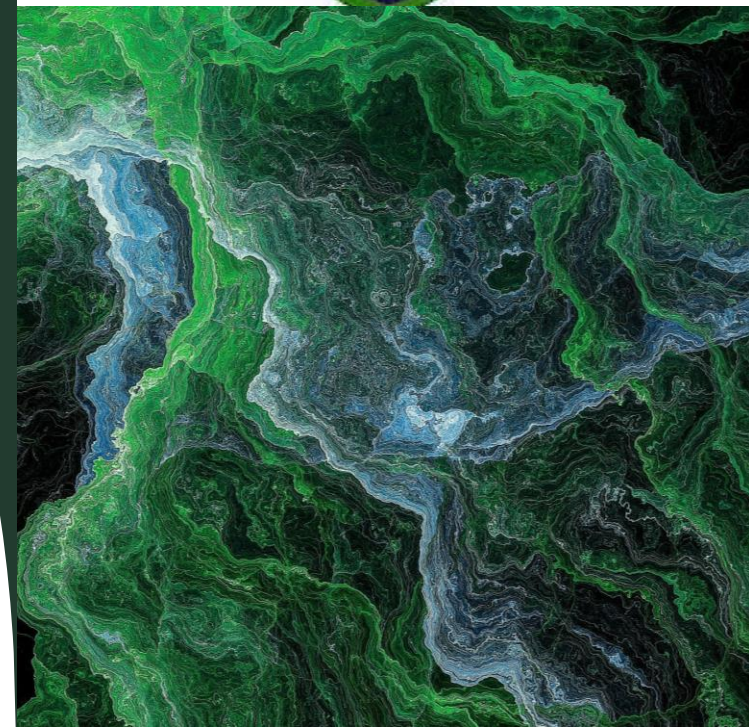



St Joseph's Curriculum Meeting

September 2022

8:45am



Agenda

- Welcome
 - School Development Plan for Parents
 - Communication between home and school
 - Early Friday Closure
 - Staggered Finishing Time
 - Governors Update
 - PTA
 - Questions
 - Meeting the teacher
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School Development Plan for Parents

Pupil Centred

SEN Support

Standardised Data used to identify children for additional support.
Lexia Programme
Mathletics Programme
Talk Boost Programme
Literacy & Numeracy Support
Learning Assistants in every classroom.
Reviewing targets for those children with IEP's.
EAL Support

Pupil Voice

Continuation of our Talk Boost Programme in P1 – P3.
Introduction of Talk Boost in P4 – P6.
Pupil Council Meetings held every two weeks. (P5-P7 representatives)
School council meeting with Ms McGuinness monthly.
Eco Council meetings held every two weeks.
Pupil Voice evaluating areas of our School Development Plan.

Inclusion & Diversity/ PDMU

Shared Education Link with Harmony Hill.
Delivery of the Personal Development & Mutual Understanding curriculum in each year group.
Learning about our school heritage.
Love for Life programme (P7)
Choices Programme (P6)
Learning about and celebrating other faiths and cultures.

Healthy Lifestyles

Promotion of a healthy lifestyle
Focus upon healthy breakfast & lunch.
Encouragement to walk, scoot or cycle to school.
Extensive PE programme to include swimming, badminton, tennis, Gaelic, handball and Fundamentals.
Introduction of Healthy Kidz PE programme for P1 – P3
Range of lunch time and after school sports.

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Literacy

Target Setting for pupil improvement on individual, group & whole class level.
Teaching staff will review and amend long term planning for their year group.
Focus on Guided Reading across the school with reading logs in P1 – P6 (P7 reading guides on Google Classroom).
Extend the development of reciprocal reading in KS2 (P5-P7).
Extend the use of the Lexia programme to further improve pupil attainment across the school.

Numeracy

Target Setting for pupil improvement on individual, group & whole class level.
Review of yearly overviews to include outdoor learning and ICT.
Continued development of the 7 Strategies for Mental Calculation and Problem Solving.
Review of resources and incorporation of ICT (including iPads) into curriculum.
Use Mathletics across the school as a learning tool.
Celebrate numeracy initiatives such as 100 days at School etc...

Using ICT

Integrating ICT into lessons across the curriculum.
Utilising the technology of the Clevertouch Boards in the classroom.
Widening the use of Google Classroom across the school – Introduction of the virtual classroom into P3&P4.
Staff Training – Learning Assistants will be trained in using Lexia and Mathletics.
Teaching Staff will carry out training in the use of the Surface Pro computer.

The Arts

Full music, art and drama curriculum delivered across the school.
Tuition offered in clarinet, flute, violin for pupils P4 – P7.
Recorder for P6 pupils.
Tin whistle for pupils in P4&P5
Wide range of after school clubs offered.
School events – Live performances in school and the Island Centre.
Parents Assemblies and performances throughout the year.
Guitar Lessons for P7 pupils.

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Connected Learning/ World Around Us

Continuation of developing outdoor learning within all classes.
Forest School's programme integrated into Foundation Stage.
All classes to deliver the 'Crest Awards' in their class (a hands on science programme)
Continue with the 'Adopt a Spot' programme.
Eco Council and Ambassador School continuation.

Religion

Grow in Love Programme delivered in every classroom
Liturgical seasons and events
Sacramental preparation
Parents Assemblies for non-sacramental classes
Weekly Key Stage assemblies
Monthly Awards
Sacred Space in every classroom
Prayer of the month
Charity events and fundraising.

Monitoring, Evaluating & Review

Our monitoring and evaluating programme includes:
Data Analysis (30th September by teaching staff)
Individual / Group targets set.
Book Calls in October and June.
Pupils Conference with discussions around the learning of every pupil with Key Stage Co-ordinators.
Classroom Observations carried out by coordinators and linked to the School Development Plan

Professional Development

In our August Baker learning assistants have passed their First Aid at Work course.
Talk Boost training has taken place.
Learning Assistants have completed training in Mathletics and Lexia.
Teaching staff have been working with the Numeracy and Literacy coordinators in reviewing long term planning
Throughout the year staff will enrol in a variety of professional development courses.

The Wider School Community

Communicating Information

Curriculum Meetings
Parent meetings in October and March.
Weekly Assemblies with children.
Continue with weekly newsletter.
Continue use of E Mail and Text Messaging Service
SeeSaw in classes
Google Classroom
Coffee Mornings
Open door policy

Links with parents

PTA
Parent Assemblies
Curriculum Meetings
Thursday coffee mornings.
Opportunities for parents to volunteer within the school at various events, talking to classes, helping at school trips, volunteering on school grounds projects.

Extended Schools and local links

Breakfast Club & Cool Kids: On-going Review of provision & facilities
After School Activities – one / two programmes a day.
Free Friday clubs – Junior choir, Senior choir, Band and Art Club.
Linen Centre, Island Centre
SERC, Racquets Club, Tennis Dome, Omniplex, Lisburn Library
Shared Education, Eco Schools, Keep NI Beautiful, Ulster Conservation Volunteers and Lisburn School of Music

Board of Governors

Our Board of Governors take an active role in subject areas.
Link Governors.
Eamon Broderick: PDMU
Kieran Corrigan: The Arts and WAU
Fintan Craig: Numeracy
Mary Ellen Lynn: Literacy and SEN.
Stephen McCormack:
Gemma Plumb: ICT
Dermott McCaughan: Religion
Laura McCrea
(new appointment)

Communication between Home and School

- **SeeSaw:** messages and posts about learning
- **Google Classroom:** for Key Stage 2 Classes for Homework
- **Gmail:** for sending out information only e.g. Friday note
- **School Phone:** urgent messages/ absence 02892 674901
additional number for outgoing calls only: 07966313583
- **Coffee Mornings:** throughout the year (2nd Thursday of every month)
- **Parents Assemblies:** throughout the year (see Friday Note for dates)
- **Email:** any other business, at any time

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Early Friday Closure

- Guidelines for teachers stipulate that teachers must receive 10% Planning, Preparation and Assessment time each week, sometimes referred to as non-contact time.
- Schools are legally obliged to provide teachers with this and were formally directed to do this in June 2021 as directed by the Jordanstown Agreement.
- To provide staff with sufficient non-contact and avoid strike or action short of strike action, the only financially viable option was for school to close early each Friday.
- Friday after 2pm is usually given over to children as 'Golden Time', therefore this was seen as the best time to move to the shorter day.
- A range of free clubs have been made available to children from Primary 4 upwards. These are hosted by staff who have volunteered their time for the club that they are choosing to offer.
- For those leaving at the early time, the collection points remain the same and we will accommodate families with the staggered times by holding younger siblings until the older siblings finishing time.
 - P4 & P5 will finish at 2:10pm
 - P6 & P7 will finish at 2:20pm

Options for Key Stage 2 Children on Friday Afternoon

(Free of charge: delivered by teachers who volunteered)

- Primary 4 Junior Choir with Miss McGuinness (2:10 - 3pm). All P4 children are welcome to attend.
- Primary 5 to Primary 7 Choir with Mrs O'Hare (Auditions only).
- Primary 6 and P7 Mr Gallagher's Band (Mr Gallagher will talk to the children about this club as it has a limited number of spaces and children will need to play at a certain level / grade)
- Art Club with Mrs Braskiene on Friday 2:10-3pm (limited places but more information to follow)
- Primary 7 Boys Hand Ball with Mrs Gartland 2:20- 3pm
- Cool kids is available for those who wish to avail of this service from the time they finish but must be booked in for the session: **2:30-3:00** Primary 4-7 for £1.00.

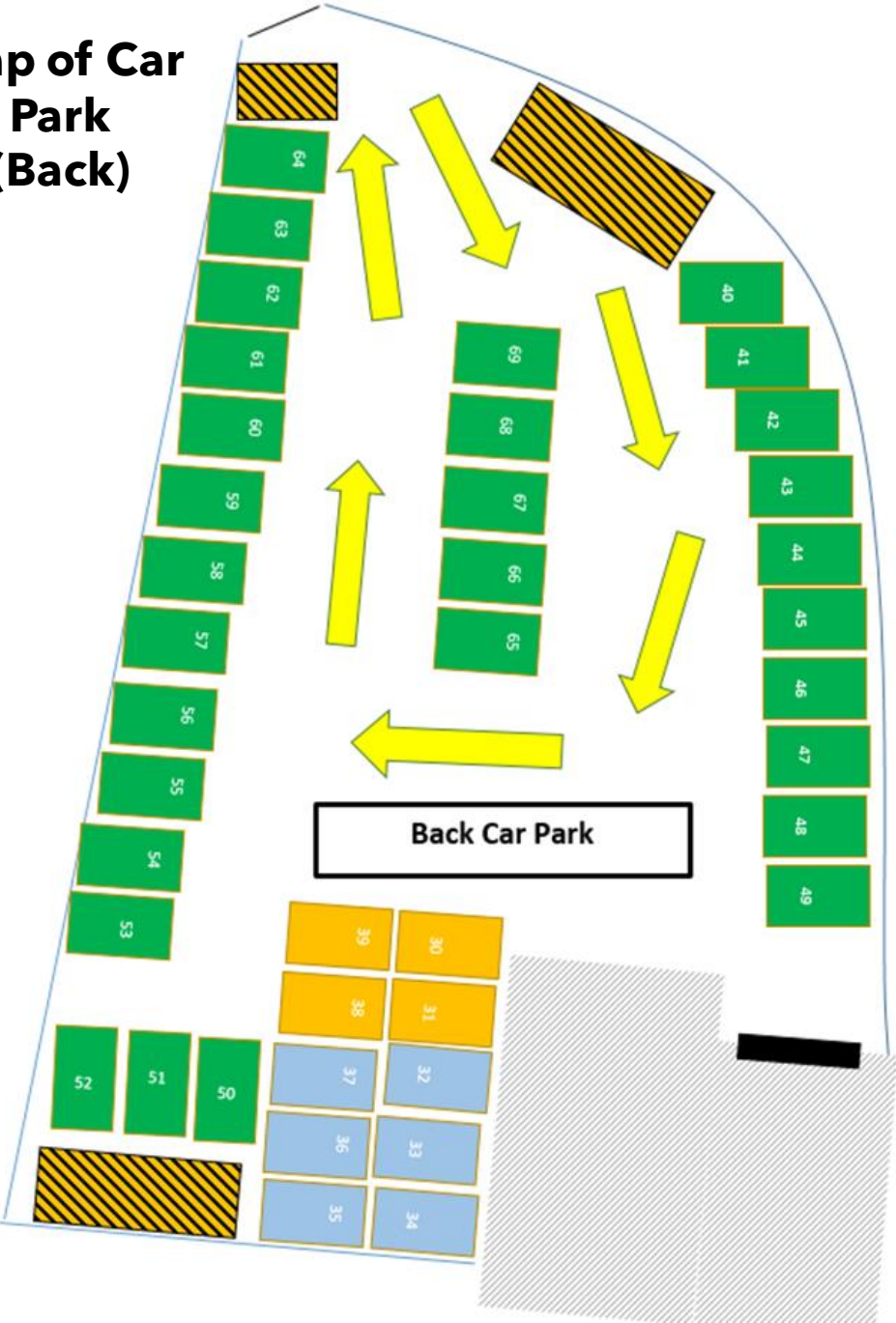
Staggered Finish Times

- Staggered finish times remain in place
- Afternoons are the times when more cars arrive to the school at once
- The Fitness Equipment Shop has now cordoned off their area at the back of the building reducing passing cars further
- We have a minimum of 32 staff cars to park each day and 69 parking spaces in total
- A staggered finish reduces the number of people arriving at one time

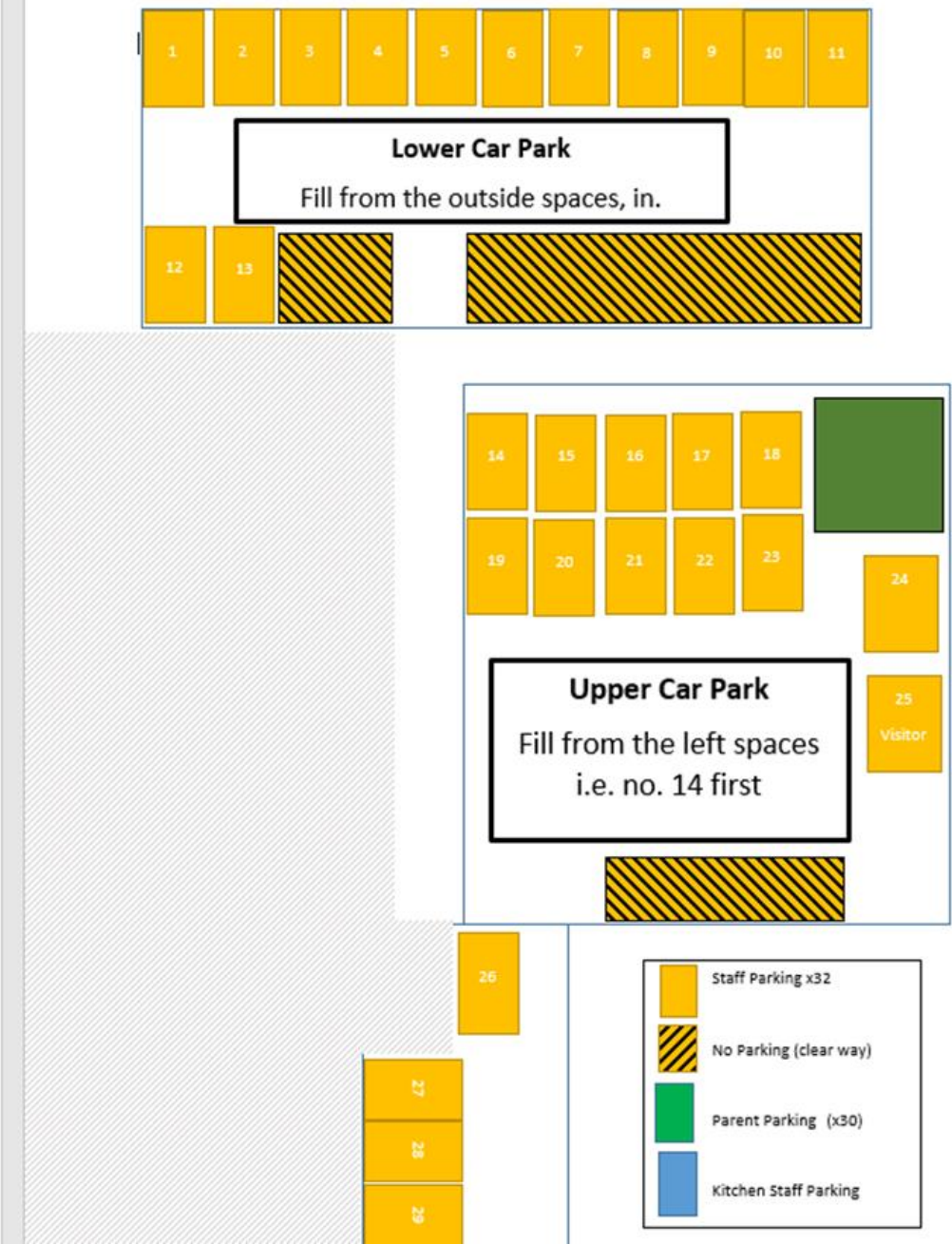
What are we doing?

- We are in discussions with the council regarding the NCP carpark below the school
- We have applied for a School Patrol Crossing (lollipop person) for the top of the lane
- Contacted Sorchia Eastwood and invited her in to discuss traffic issues
- We have allocated parking areas for staff to maximise areas for parents
- Member of Staff to manage cars entering the car park each morning

Map of Car
Park
(Back)



Map of Car
Park
(Bottom of
Lane)



Governors


- Mr Eamonn Broderick (Chair) PDMU
- Mr Fintan Craig Numeracy
- Mrs Gemma Plumb ICT
- Mr Kieron Corrigan WAU and The Arts
- Mr Stephen McCormick (Parent Representative) Healthy Life Styles and PE
- Fr Dermott McCaughan (Parish Priest) Religion
- Dr Mary Ellen Lynne (Department of Education Representative) Child Protection and Literacy
- Nuala O'Hare (Teacher Representative)
- Cristiona McGuinness (Principal)
- Mrs Laura McCrea (newly appointed: September 2022 by the Department of Education) (potential SEN)

For further information of who are governors are and their bios, please see the school website.

PTA

Parent Teacher Assosiation

**What we do
and
How you can get involved.**

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Meeting your Child's Teacher

Parents are now invited to go to the classrooms and meet their class teacher.