

# ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



October 2022

## NEWSLETTER

**Parent Teacher Consultations** will take place week beginning Monday 17th October. If your allocated time does not suit please contact your child's teacher to rearrange. Communication between school and home is crucial for your children's progress both pastorally and academically. Curriculum information for each class has been uploaded to the school website. Please take time to read this and if you have any questions please ask your child's teacher at the Parent/Teacher consultation.

### Important Notice for Parents/Carers

St Joseph's PS aims to be a Nut-Free school. In order to reduce the risk to those children and adults who may suffer an anaphylactic reaction if exposed to nuts to which they are sensitive, necessary measures must be put in place. The school aims to protect children who have allergies to nuts yet also help them, as they grow up, to take responsibility as to what foods they can eat and to be aware of where they may be put at risk.

We no longer allow nuts or nut products in school lunch boxes. Being a 'Nut-Free School' means that the following items should not be brought into school:

- Packets of nuts
- Peanut butter sandwiches/bars
- Fruit and cereal bars that contain nuts
- Chocolate bars or sweets that contain nuts

- Sesame seed rolls (children allergic to nuts may also have a severe reaction to sesame)
- Cakes made with nuts
- Nutella spread or Nutella breakfast bars

If you are unsure about an item, please speak to a member of staff. Parents and carers are reminded that they must notify staff of any known or suspected allergy to nuts and provide all medical and necessary information. This will be added to the child's care plan.

Thank you for your support and understanding with this.

**THIS SCHOOL IS  
NUT FREE**



**THANK YOU**  
for keeping our school safe!



### Free School Meals

If you feel that your child may be entitled to free school meals regardless of whether they will be taking them or not, please complete the application on the EA website ASAP.

If you require any assistance, please feel free to contact the school Office.

### Mobile Phones



We appreciate that children may need to bring their mobile phones with them to use after school. All mobile phones, without exception must be handed in to the office on arrival and will be returned as the child leaves. Please do not phone your child's mobile during school hours.

### School App



Our school is now listed in the Schools NI App, which allows you to view school updates and receive messages via your phone or tablet. The App is available on both Apple and Android devices, and will give you access to our school news, calendar, events and newsletters. To install the App, open our school website and click the 'Download App' button that appears at the top of the screen.

### Child Protection Procedures

St Joseph's safeguarding team are: Designated Teacher: Mrs K Collins.

Deputy Designated Teachers: Mrs C Toner and Mrs F Macfarlane

Chairperson of the Board of Governors: Mr J Kearney. Designated Child Protection Governor: Dr C Magennis

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## Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club has resumed from 8:15 each morning at the Price of £1 per day to be paid in the morning or on a Monday morning in advance. Any child in school before 8:45am will be presumed to be at Breakfast Club and charged accordingly.

Children have a choice of cereal, toast, pancakes, muffins yoghurts and fresh fruit as well as juice, milk or water.

During September and October, children attending Breakfast club will be given a raffle ticket to enter into a Halloween draw.

## After School Clubs

From now until 27<sup>th</sup> October clubs on offer will be as shown.

The cost for each session will be £3.00.

Sessions are to be booked beforehand and all money is to be paid in advance.

This will be for a trial period to be reviewed by the Board of Governors before the Christmas term.

	2-3pm (P1 to P3)	3-4pm (P4 to P7)
<b>Monday</b>	Mindfulness	Football with Mr Rooney
<b>Tuesday</b>	Taekwon-Do	Taekwon-Do
<b>Wednesday</b>	Cookery	Cookery
<b>Thursday</b>	Games	Transfer Club

## Road Safety and Car Parking

Please remind all children that they are to dismount all bikes and scooters at the school gates in the morning and walk their bikes and scooters on school grounds. Similarly all bikes and scooters must be walked to the gates after school.

**Please ensure that all cars are parked in the main car park and not up at the school building or on footpaths. This is to ensure access for emergency vehicles when required.**

**Your child's safety is our priority.**

The spaces at the school building are for staff only as their cars are not moved at any time during the school day or when children may be in the car park.

## Walking to school

In line with local authority guidelines, children may walk to and from school alone once they reach the age of 8. Before their 8th Birthday children should still be collected from school by an adult or accompanied by an older sibling.

Your child's education and wellbeing is our shared number one priority. Should you have any worries or concerns about your child, please get in touch with your child's teacher in the first instance who will try to assist whenever they can.

## Dates For Your Diary

**Monday 3rd October:** Cycle to school week.

**Monday 17th October:** Mini's Music for P1 and P2

**Wednesday 19th October:** P3/4 trip to NearyNógs

**Friday 28th October:** Visit from School Nurse to administer Flu Spray for P1 to P7.

**Monday 31st October to Friday 4th November inclusive:** School closed for all children.

**Wednesday 3rd May:** First Confession at 1pm.

**Saturday 13th May:** First Communion at 11am.

**Wednesday 17th May:** Confirmation at 11am.