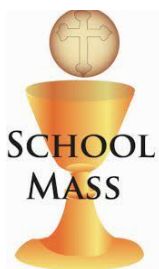


School Update 22.9.23



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Dear Parents, Please find information that you may find useful:



Beginning of Year School Mass

We will celebrate the beginning of our new school year at a whole school Mass in the Parish on Thursday 28.9.23 at 9:30 am. All parents are welcome to attend.

Dates of Sacraments:

First Confession: 24th March

First Holy Communion: 19th May

Confirmation: 5th June

Venues for each Sacrament to be confirmed.

Curriculum Information Evening

We are hosting a Curriculum Information evening on Thursday 12th October. We extend an invitation to all our parents to attend; this evening will provide important information about the year ahead and ways in which you can help your child at home.

The results of the recent poll issued to parents; just over 50% of parents who voted, opted for the following:

7 pm Foundation Stage P1 and P2

7:30 pm KS1 P3 and P4

8:00 pm KS2 P5, 6 and 7.

End of the month fundraiser.

Next **Friday 29th September** is the last Friday of the month; we will be hosting our first fundraising event of the year, with a non- uniform day. We request a donation of £2 from all children, £1 of which will be for school funds and the remaining £1 will be donated to charity. The charity is yet to be decided and we will consult with The School Council when they are elected.

Head Boy/Girl

Elections were held in school yesterday and we are pleased to announce our newly elected Head and Deputy Boys and Girls.

Head/ Deputy Boys: Frank Magill/Tom Twohig

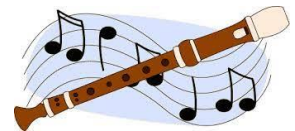
Head/Deputy Girls: Aoibhinn O'Hare/Charlotte Magill



Recorder Lessons

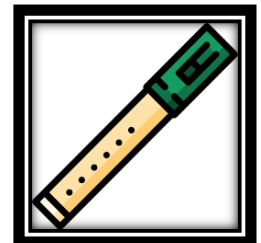


Recorder lessons with Mr Murphy continue on a Friday afternoon for pupils in P5, P6 and P7. It is essential that your child has a recorder; unfortunately, we do not have any left for purchasing from the school office.



Tin Whistle

All pupils in P4 are currently receiving Tin Whistle lessons in school. If you require your child to purchase a tin whistle, please contact the school office.



Please note the **closing date 22.9.23** at 5 pm. for applications for this current academic year. This is for those current P7 pupils wishing to sit the SEAG exams in November.



Uniform – Can you please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform on the assigned days, e.g. Navy socks, black shoes on our main school uniform days. Please note leggings are **not** permitted. Reminder our **P.E. days are Tuesday and Thursday**. All pupils are permitted to wear their PE uniform on these days only. Could we please ask you to clearly label all items of uniform with your child's name.

Basketball

This morning the P5 children received the opportunity to avail of some professional basketball coaching; this was facilitated by Kelvin Troy, a former NBA basketball player. Kelvin has been rated the best American ever to play basketball in Ireland, he has authored the book "Defence" on basketball and '*teaches it like no other.*' We kindly thank Mr P Convery for organising these basketball sessions with P5 over the next 8 weeks.





Monday	 Bee Active sessions - £3 per week to be paid in monthly instalments
Tuesday	 Art Club - £2.50 per session to be paid in monthly instalments. Transfer Class – current P7 pupils £4 per week
Wednesday	No After School Club on this day
Thursday	 Gaelic - £2.50 per week, paid in monthly instalments
Friday	 Bee Active – Soccer - £3 per week, paid in monthly instalments

We continue to pray for and remember our wonderful P5 pupil, Padraig. We are delighted for Padraig and his family that he is currently at home. We hope you continue to gain strength in the days ahead. Best wishes Padraig from all staff and pupils.

Yours in continued partnership,

The staff of St. Joseph and St. James's P.S.