

# News Update - 27.5.21



Dear Parents,

As we enter the Bank Holiday weekend and a well deserved break for everyone, we wish to remind you there is no school for pupils on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> and Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May.



As we return to school following the Bank Holiday weekend our P7 pupils continue their preparation for Confirmation on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 5.00p.m in St. Joseph's Church Poyntzpass.**

Can we please ask all P7 pupils to be seated no later than 4.50p.m in their allocated pew. At this service each P7 pupil is permitted to attend with their family unit, including their sponsor.

**All P7 pupils will be dismissed from school at 12 noon on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June. Siblings of P.7 pupils may also go home if required at the same time. All other pupils will be dismissed from school P.1-3 at 1.45p.m and P.4-P.6 from 2.00p.m. on this day. Please note the school bus will not be available for pupil dismissal at the end of the day.**

Our Friends of St. Joseph and St. James's hope to provide tea afterwards, outdoors on our playground following this service. A final decision will be made on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, as decisions if this can go ahead will be determined by our weather.

We will be hosting a party for our P7 pupils in school on Monday to acknowledge and celebrate this very important event for all.



On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June we are hosting a Fun Day in school for all our pupils. To support such an event we ask for **£2.00 contribution fee from each pupil.** Payment can be made via parent pay. We have a mixture of fun filled activities on this day to celebrate with our children how immensely proud we are of them all to have reached this point in the school year. We wish to commend each and every one of our pupils for their adaptability and resilience in a school year like no other.



We would like to thank you for your generous support at our Book Fair, which concludes today. Your invaluable support will ensure we are able to replenish much needed resources for all pupils throughout our school.



We are holding a Free Dress Day in school on **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June** for all pupils. Each pupil is required to bring **£1** to support such a fundraising initiative for our school.



We wish to extend our sincere thanks to Sara our local neighbourhood link officer with the PSNI and all her team, for providing a very informative session on cycling awareness with our pupils in P5 and P6.

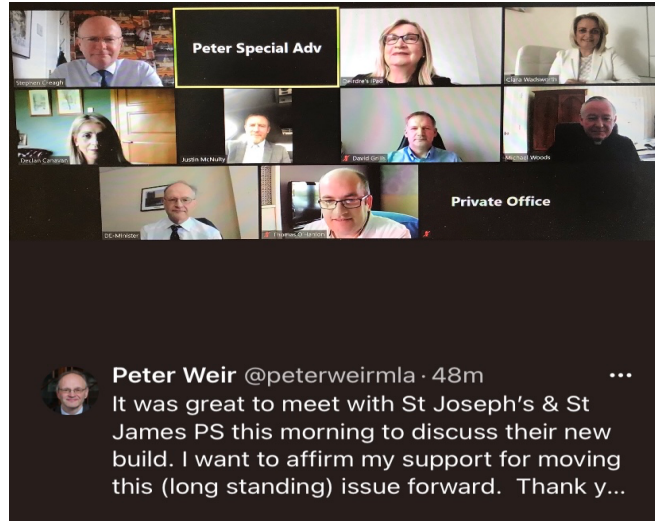




## School Development Project




We have been delighted to have had the opportunity to meet with Mr Weir, our Education Minister recently, to discuss the way forward for our School Development Project. We would like to thank Mr Justin Mc Nulty and Mr Thomas O'Hanlon for their time and interest in our project which is much needed for our school community. Sincere thanks to our hard working Board of Governors who continue to work tirelessly behind the scenes.



As we enter our Bank Holiday weekend break, we wish you and your family a wonderful weekend. We will leave you with a prayer Pope Francis asks for us all to pray at this time in the year of St. Joseph.

### Prayer for the Year of St. Joseph



*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.  
Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy and  
courage,  
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

Yours in continued partnership.

C. Wadsworth and Staff of St. Joseph and St. James's P.S