

Weekly Update – 24.6.22



Dear Parents,

As we enter our final week of this academic year, I wish to thank you all sincerely for your continued support and understanding, especially as we have continued to navigate our way through some exceptionally difficult episodes throughout term one and two, with staffing as a result of the pandemic.



There is a natural buzz and excitement palpable in our school today as we embrace the count down the close of the academic year 2021-22.



On **Monday 27.7.22**, we will bid our final farewell to all our **P7 pupils**, who have been the most wonderful group of children I have had the privilege of getting to know since my tenure as Principal. I have no doubt our pupils will continue to live out our school motto. 'Learning Together for Life's Journey' as they embrace the next stage of their journey into secondary education. We will miss them and I know Mrs Shortt, in particular feels the natural void a teacher will feel when they care for all their pupils, just like their own children.

We thank Mrs Shortt and Mrs Gaffney who have nurtured our pupils so diligently in their final year of primary school.

On Monday we invite parents and grandparents to attend our special farewell, which will begin with a mass in the Parish Hall at 1.00p.m. promptly, followed by refreshments and P7's grand finale.

We would like to also extend our thanks to Emma Donnelly and Emma Rafferty for their expertise in producing P7's grand finale, which we look forward to so much!



We bid a fond farewell to Miss Doherty, who has been our P1/2 teacher this year. Miss Doherty is moving to Dubai having been appointed in a permanent capacity as a Year three teacher. I know you will join me in wishing her all the very best for the future at Dove Green Private School. Their gain will most certainly be our loss. We look forward to linking up with Miss Doherty and her new class via zoom and seeing what life is like in Dubai.



We bid a fond farewell to Mrs Magowan who is retiring this year. Mrs Magowan has had a long association with our school, over the last 24 years.

Mrs Magowan has been in a variety of roles and a valuable member of our team, from school secretary, as a parent, as the Principal release teacher and more recently as a full time teacher. On behalf of all the staff and Board of Governors we wish to thank Mrs Magowan's for her commitment and dedication to the life of our school which will be forever remembered.

I know the community of St. Joseph and St. James's will join me in wishing Mrs Magowan all the very best as she enters this new and exciting chapter of her life.





School Uniform Recycle

Non Uniform day – Wednesday 29th June to help facilitate an opportunity for items of old uniform to be dropped off at our school assembly hall in support of our Uniform recycle initiative, on Friday morning 1.7.22.

We will update you if this proceeds, as it will be determined by amount of old items of uniform being submitted.

We remind you to please apply for the free school meal/ uniform allowance this year as outlined by the EANI.



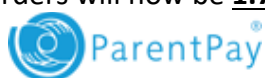
End of Term- Finish time

Please note pupils will finish school on **Thursday 30th June at 11.00** as we celebrate Mrs Magowan's retirement beginning with a staff mass .

Please be advised there will be no bus service on this day.

P.E. Uniform order

Can we remind you that if you wish to order the O'Neills PE uniform, to make payment for this order via parentpay. Closing date for orders will now be **1.7.22.**



Can we please remind you to check your parentpay account and ensure all outstanding payments are made before the end of term, including Fun Day, Bus for football blitz, Dinners, Breakfast club and Afterschool clubs.

May I take this opportunity to sincerely thank our entire staff community, who endeavour to always give of their very best. We wish them a peaceful and restful Summer break.

**School will reopen for all pupils in the new school year on 31.8.22 from 9.00-12.00.
New P1 pupils will finish at 11.00 on this day.**

Yours in continued partnership

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