

Principal's Update 14.9.22



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Dear Parents,

I hope this correspondence finds you all well. I am sure you are all aware of recent media coverage on the passing of Queen Elizabeth, a significant historical event for us all to witness. As a Bank Holiday has been declared on Monday 19th September, school will now remain closed for pupils on this day.



We are delighted to offer our pupils the opportunity to access private Speech and Language Therapy sessions over a series of eight weeks. We were heartened by how many of our pupils thrived from such a service last academic year. We fully appreciate the difficulties many parents may experience, with the never ending waiting lists for such vital therapies for our children and now, especially since the pandemic, where such services may be offered via Zoom.

We firmly believe early intervention to support children with their language is key. Children's language and communication skills are fundamentally important in developing their ability to listen, understand, and communicate.

These face to face sessions will take place each Thursday in school with our Speech and Language therapist Marianne McGrath. Mrs McGrath will not just facilitate pupils with specific speech and language difficulties, but complete work to develop working memory and processing difficulties.

If you wish your child to avail of this service, please do not hesitate to email me on cwadsworth679@c2kni.net. These sessions are scheduled to take place from **22.9.22** for a series of 8 weeks. We kindly ask for your assistance in supporting our school to provide this unique service by donating £50. Your support will be essential in ensuring this provision continues.







We are delighted to welcome Mrs Collette Delargy, a maths specialist, who is providing Maths intervention sessions for pupils each Tuesday and Wednesday in school, as part of our Intervention strategies for pupils.

This is funded through the Engage Programme for Term one. We hope to facilitate Information evenings in this coming term for you as parents. At this information session we will highlight ways you can support your child in building mathematical understanding. If your child is to avail of this you will receive a letter in this coming week from Mrs McCooey our Numeracy Coordinator seeking your consent. We ask you to return your consent forms as soon as possible to your child's class teacher.



We are delighted to start our After school clubs, beginning next week 19.9.22 for a series of 8 weeks.

Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first serve basis. If you wish your child to avail of such opportunities, you can book from **Tuesday 13th September** via ParentPay.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Irish Dancing 	Gaelic 	Bee Active 		Soccer 
3-4pm P1-7	3-4pm P1-7	2-3pm P1-3 3-4pm P4-7		2-3pm P1-3 3-4pm P4-7
26 th Sept – 21 st Nov	20 th Sept – 15 th Nov	21 st Sept – 16 th Nov		23 rd Sept – 18 th Nov
£20	£20	£32		£32

Non-uniform day!

Friday 30th September - Non Uniform Day. We are having a non-uniform day last Friday of each month to fundraise for our school and local charity. Please support us on this day.

Yours in continued partnership

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