

Principal's Update 23.9.22



Dear Parents,

We hope this correspondence finds you all well and looking forward to a restful weekend ahead.

Our pupils have been incredible and have embraced the new school year with great energy which is wonderful to see.



Beginning of school year Mass – scheduled for **Thursday 6th October**, where we formally welcome all our new P1 pupils to our school family, including all new pupils who have joined our school this year. We would love to have this mass in our chapel, but it remains unlikely at this point. We will update you if this is viable in due course. If permitted to use the chapel, parents of all new pupils will be most welcome to attend.



Swimming lessons will resume for this academic year. The class scheduled to attend first is Mrs Shortt's class P6/7. Lessons will commence from 4.10.22. for eight weeks. We require each pupil to make payment via ParentPay of £40 to cover the cost of the swimming lessons and transport to and from the swimming pool.



Tin Whistle – We are delighted to announce that Mrs Crawley will be taking our P4 class for tin whistle lessons each Thursday in school. All pupils in Mrs Mc Cooley's class will require a tin whistle which you can purchase here from school.

Please make payment of £4 via ParentPay for purchase of this instrument.

Irish Dancing class – Monday After School Irish Dancing is cancelled. We will review this after school activity may be rescheduled.

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.



16.10.22 Our Parish are hosting an ‘**Afternoon Tea and Fashion Show**’ as part of continued fundraising for the refurbishments to our chapel. Tickets will be on sale and can be obtained from the school office for **£15**. We invite you to support such a worthy cause.



Parent Consultation for Parent teacher meetings scheduled for **24.10.22**

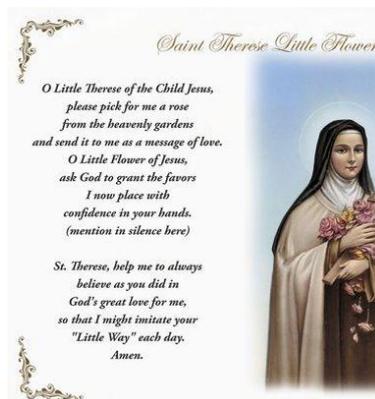
We welcome your view on how you would prefer our scheduled meetings to take place:

1. In person
2. Via telephone call.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/YWYMWRF>

Can we ask that you select your preferred option no later than noon **Friday 30.9.22**. We will also send as a separate link in a separate message via our app.

The Novena of St. Therese begins in Dromantine this evening and in light of this novena taking place so close to us here in Poyntzpass it seems fitting to share St. Therese’s prayer.



Yours in continued partnership

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