

Principal's Update 30.9.22



Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe we are at the end of the month of September and routines are well and truly established between home and school. As the evenings are getting darker and the weather naturally becoming more autumnal, can we please urge all pupils to wear their full PE uniform on PE days. We are currently holding PE sessions outdoors, until the Parish Hall is available and it would be beneficial to our children if they are wearing their full tracksuit bottoms.

Information update as follows:



We would like to sincerely thank all those who responded so promptly regarding the Parent Meeting Consultation. The results are as follows from 42 families to date:

Face to face meeting	36 responses	85%
Telephone call	6 responses	15%

We can confirm our Parent Teacher meetings will proceed as face to face meetings the week beginning 24.10.22 – 28.10.22. School will finish at 2.00p.m. on each day during this particular week. No after school clubs or minding facility will be available. We do hope the bus service can provide collection for our pupils at 2.00p.m, who avail of the bus daily.



Confirmation dates have been received and P7 will receive the sacrament of Confirmation on **Tuesday 6th June at 5.00p.m.** We invite your views on the preference of choice of chapel for this important sacrament. Can you please email lmorrow846@c2kni.net by noon on **Friday 7.10.22** confirming your preference of venue.

Venue 1 – St Joseph's Church Poyntzpass
Venue 2 – St James the Apostle Chapel Tandragee
Venue 3 – St. James Church Mullaghbrack



Please find information attached in relation to **Healthy breaks** and links outlining where you can get additional information to support your child. As we follow the **Healthy School's policy** we ask for your support in educating our children in relation to Healthy foods.

The PHA are hosting a series of webinars including sessions on a healthy lunchbox and snack ideas, which you may find useful.

We ask you to view the **'Are you packing a Healthy Lunch?', 'Healthy Breaks for schools' and 'Healthy Choices' resources all available on the following links:**

<https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/news/are-you-packing-healthy-lunch>

<https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/publications/healthy-breaks-schools-leaflet-english-and-irish-translation>

<https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/publications/healthy-choices-choose-wisely-advice-parents>



We look forward to meeting our new Banbridge Neighbourhood Ward Officer next Friday as part of whole school assembly. Constable Young will discuss Firework safety with all pupils and how we can keep ourselves safe. Our Neighbourhood team will also be supporting our pupils, delivering internet safety to P7 pupils later on this term.



Enjoy a taster of some of our pupils who shared with us their news this week, success in Speech and Drama and football. Well done to our pupils who commenced with their Shared Education sessions. Please do visit each class page on our website to find out more details. Another great week in St. Joseph and St. James's P.S. Well done to all our pupils involved.



We wish to thank you all for supporting our Non uniform day. Having consulted with our pupil voice, we are delighted to state that each month we will donate half of all monies raised to charity. This month the pupils have nominated Air Ambulance N.I. Well done to all involved and we are continually grateful for your continued support.

Wishing you all a peaceful weekend

Yours in continued partnership

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

