

Principal's Update 11.1.23







Dear Parents,

It is wonderful to have all our pupils back with us for this new term following the Christmas holidays. As always, we have lots planned in this very important term ahead to support our pupils in reaching their full potential, particularly with their academic work. We greatly value the support you continue to give us from home in completing homework. Daily revision, particularly with our youngest pupils in Early Years, helping them to revise their weekly high frequency words is so beneficial for all pupils.

Can we please remind you that if your child is absent can you please notify the school via telephone to the school office or via email.

Our **After School clubs** commence next week, payment can be made via parentpay. We ask that you register no later than noon on Friday 13.1.23 so we can compile the registers for each after school session.

After School Clubs commencing January 2023:

Monday 16.1.23		Irish Dancing for Fun – 2.00-3.00 for all pupils. Payment of £2.50 can be made via Parent Pay
Tuesday 17.1.23		Gaelic After Schools for all pupils with Mr O'Hagan 3.00-4.00. Payment of £2.50 for each session can be made via Parent Pay.
Wednesday 18.1.23		Anto Bee Active After school will commence on this date. Please book in advance via Parent pay. Payment of £4.00 must be paid in advance of each class please.
Friday 20.1.22		Soccer Bee Active After school will commence on this date. Please book in advance via Parent pay. Payment of £4.00 must be paid in advance of each class please.



We are delighted to have Mrs Marianne Mc Grath with us again for a further term. Can we please request if your child avails of such sessions to make a further payment of £50, which will help to go toward the costs for the sessions this coming term. If you would like your child to avail of additional support, especially if you are continuing to wait for SPLD service via our NHS, please do email Mrs Wadsworth on cwadsworth679@c2kni.net

Reminder: Wizard of Oz Pantomime

- All pupils will have the opportunity to visit the Pantomime in Newry Town Hall on Thursday 19.1.23. Please note the bus will bring pupils back to school for approximately 3.45 p.m. where they will be dismissed There will be no school bus service for pupils
- **Solo entry for recorder in Newry Feis – can you please make payment of £3 via parentpay before noon Friday 13.1.23**
- P5/6 will have the opportunity to learn Tin Whistle with Mrs Crawley. You can purchase a Tin Whistle through school, via parentpay making a payment of £4.40.

School Admissions 2022/23			
Information for parents/guardians			
Please see below key dates in admissions for year 2022/23. For parents/guardians the first date of note is the publishing of admissions criteria of schools on the EA website.			
STEP ONE Admissions Criteria Published on Website	Pre-School	Primary	Post-Primary
	17 Dec 2021	17 Dec 2021	12 Jan 2022
STEP TWO Online Applications Open	Pre-School	Primary	Post-Primary
	10 Jan 2022	10 Jan 2022	1 Feb 2022
STEP THREE Online Applications Close	Pre-School	Primary	Post-Primary
	28 Jan 2022	28 Jan 2022	23 Feb 2022
STEP FOUR Notifications of Applications Outcome	Pre-School	Primary	Post-Primary
	28 April 2022 Stage One 16 June 2022 Stage Two	28 April 2022	21 May 2022

For more information on the admissions process please visit www.eani.org.uk/admissions

Primary 1 admissions for September 2023 have commenced. Please remind friends and family to ensure they complete their application forms and have them submitted no later than noon on **27.1.23**

P7 Parents - Post Primary admissions – Please note the portal opens on **1st February 2023**

Yours in continued partnership

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

