

Principal Update 6.9.23



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Dear Parents,

It has been wonderful to have all our pupils back here with us for the new academic year. Can I thank you all for ensuring your children are so beautifully presented in their new school uniform. They look very smart indeed. Please take time to read through this update as it provides information on After School clubs, music lessons and information for your diaries in the coming term.

**WELCOME BACK
TO SCHOOL**



School Facebook Page

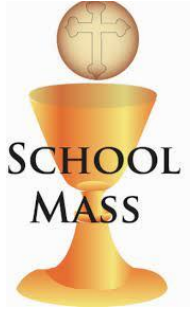
We welcome all our classes for the academic year 2023-24. If you follow our school Facebook page you will receive regular updates on a range of events that take place with each class throughout the year.

School App

Please ensure you have all refreshed your profile in the school app. This will ensure you receive notifications immediately when issued alongside the most recent Principal Updates.

School Website

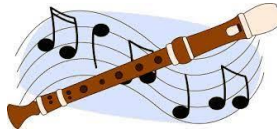
Our School Website collates all communication and events. Do visit our class pages in the coming weeks to see the wide range of learning experiences our children will have.



Beginning of Year School Mass

We do hope to celebrate the beginning of our new school year at a whole school mass in the Parish on Thursday 28.9.23, we will confirm this in due course.

Recorder Lessons



We are delighted to announce that Mr Murphy our recorder teacher is beginning lessons this Friday with pupils in P5, P6 and P7. Please remember your recorders everyone.

Tin Whistle



All pupils are to receive Tin Whistle lessons with Mrs Crawley. If you require your child to purchase a tin whistle, please contact Mrs Morrow in the school office. Thankyou



Violin lessons commence each Thursday from 7.9.23, if any children in P4-7 wish to avail of violin lessons, please send an expression of interest to our school secretary Mrs Morrow, emailing on: lmorrow846@c2kni.net

Cello lessons commence each Tuesday, we hope this day can be altered and will confirm in due course. **Can all pupils who avail of violin and cello, ensure they bring their musical instruments to school on the assigned days.**



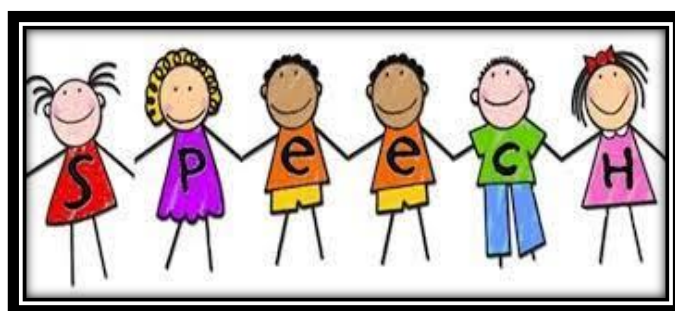
We will commence with our transfer classes for pupils currently in P7. These will take place each **Monday 11th 3.00-4.00p.m.** Our first lesson begins **Monday 11th September.** We request £4 per week, please pay monthly, to cover all photocopying costs. Payment can be made via parentpay. Thankyou.

Please note the **closing date 22.9.23** for applications for this current academic year for SEAG.






Reminder our **P.E. days are Tuesday and Thursday.** All pupils are permitted to wear their PE uniform on these days only.

Uniform – Can you please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform on the assigned days. PE on Tuesday and Thursday only, e.g. Navy socks, black shoes on our main school uniform days. Please note leggings are **not** permitted.



We are delighted to welcome Mrs McGrath as our Speech and Language Therapist again this academic year. Mrs McGrath works on 1:1 and small group levels, supporting both language and communication alongside processing and sequential memory work. We advocate the earliest possible intervention for our children, particularly as we continue to experience long waiting lists. Parents concerned will have received their consent letters for their child to attend. **A fee of £50 is to be made via parentpay for each termly block.** If you wish to avail of such a provision and think it may support your child, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Morrow in the school office to register your child to attend. Thank you.



Monday	 BEE ACTIVE Bee Active sessions - £5 per week to be paid in monthly installments  SEAG Schools' Entrance Assessment Group Transfer Class – current P7 pupils £4 per week
Tuesday	 ART CLUB Art Club - £2.50 per session to be paid in monthly installments
Wednesday	No After School Club on this day
Thursday	 GAA Gaelic - £2.50 per week, paid in monthly installments
Friday	 Soccer Bee Active – Soccer - £5 per week, paid in monthly installments



Swimming – Term 1

Swimming Lessons commence Tuesday 12th September 2023 for P6/7. Can you please ensure payment of £30 for this 6 week block is made via parentpay.

Can we please request that no child takes any food with nut extract into school as part of a break or lunch. This includes any spreads with nut extract e.g. no Nutella.

Thankyou for your continued cooperation in this matter.



Yours in continued partnership

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

