



Welcome back after the Summer holidays !

A big welcome to all our new pupils. We look forward to another happy and successful year.

We welcome Mrs. C. Hayes, Ms L Cooper, Ms C Buckley, Ms B Kelleher, Ms A Ivory, Ms K Looney and Ms N Kelleher to our teaching staff.

We were delighted to be awarded with our first Green Flag in June. We will be working this year on waste reduction so we would encourage you to have waste free lunch boxes. Continue to provide a **healthy lunch** to your child each day. **Friday is Fruity Friday.**

Thanks for supporting our Walk to School on Wednesdays. We hope to continue for the months of September and October

### New classrooms

We are awaiting the result of our application for Planning permission for our new classrooms.

During the coming year we will be appealing to you to support our fundraising to meet the shortfall between the grant aid received and the final cost .

### MERCY DAY Mass

You are welcome to join us for our Mercy Mass for the opening of the School year on Tuesday, 24th September. All classes from Senior Infants to Sixth Class will go to Mass. It will be celebrated at **11.15am in the Parish Church.** We will join with St. Mary's Secondary School for this celebration. **School will finish at 12.30 on Tuesday 24th September. You may collect your child at the school gate.**

### WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS TERM

- Drama classes start in November.
- The Life of Bees—a workshop for all classes
- Bangers and Crash—a percussion interactive workshop.

### REMINDERS

- Children should wear **school uniform** in school, black shoes to be worn with uniform and runners with school tracksuit.
- Please let us know if your child is absent and the **reason why.** Absent forms have been given to Junior classes, these can be used to notify any absences. All absences of 20 days or more are reported to the NEWB.
- The Rolls will be called at 10.00 am. Pupils should be in school before 10.00am to be marked present on that day.

- If you wish to **speak to a teacher** regarding your child please contact the school office to make an appointment or send a note to the teacher in your child's home work journal.
- Please **label** all your child's belongings
- Children should only have **mobile phones** in school if it is absolutely essential that the child needs it after school. All phones are to be named and put in a box in the hall in the morning. Phones may be collected at home time. The school accepts no responsibility for the loss, damage or theft of these phones. Any phone not handed up will be confiscated.
- For safety reasons, when children are leaving school during the day, a parent must collect a child in the classroom and sign 'the sign in/sign out copy'.
- **School begins at 9.00a.m.** Gates open at 8.45 a.m. The Board of Management accepts no responsibility for any pupil who arrives before this time.
- Traditionally the parking spaces outside the school are reserved for the teachers and I ask you to uphold this tradition again this year.
- Thank you for your co-operation. Traffic congestion will always be a problem but it can become a smaller problem with a little consideration.

### PARENTS ASSOCIATION

We at St. Joseph's greatly appreciate the support and co-operation the parents of our pupils consistently give us in school. In particular, our Parents' Association has played a major role in assisting us in providing the very best for our pupils. You are welcome to their first meeting on Monday 30th September at 8.00pm in the School Hall. New members are always welcome, so if you would like to help, you can contact Sandra Kelleher (087) 6465285, Sile O'Leary (087)4176570.

### Party Invitations

We would ask you not to give party invitations to your child to distribute in school, as children who are not invited are put in an embarrassing position. Your co-operation on this issue would be greatly appreciated.

### DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

28th Oct to 1st Nov	School closed
4th Nov	School re-opens
12th & 13th Nov	Parent Teacher Meetings
20th Dec	School closes for Christmas holidays
6th Jan <b>2014</b>	School re-opens
17th.to 21st. Feb	School Closed
24th Feb	School re-opens
17th & 18th. March	School Closed
14th.April to 25th April.	School Closed Easter Holidays
28th April	School re-opens
5th May	School Closed
30th May 2nd, 3rd June	School Closed
30th June	Summer holidays.

**First Holy Communion Saturday 24th May 2014**

**Confirmation Thursday 20th March 2014**



