

St. Joseph's Primary School

September 2007

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another school year. A special "Fáilte" to all our new pupils and parents who have joined our school this year. It is our wish that your stay with us will be happy and successful.

School Calendar:

School Closures

October 29 th - 2 nd November	Mid term break
December 22 nd - 31 st	Christmas holidays
January 1 st - 6 th	Christmas holidays (school re-opens 7 th January)
February 14 th - 15 th	Mid term break
March 17 th - 30 th	Easter holidays (school re-opens Mon 31 st March)
May 5 th - 9 th	Mid term break
June 2 nd	Bank Holiday
June 3 rd	School closed
June 27 th	School closes for Summer holidays

The school has not yet been informed of the following dates: staff planning day, Confirmation day and Communion. I will notify you when these are available.

Reminders:

Access to and from the school: Please use the school gate when going to and from the school at all times. Do not park, drop or collect your children in the Convent grounds. The Convent grounds are not primary school property.

1. Opening times:

School begins at 9.00a.m. Gates open at 8.50 a.m. The Board of Management accepts no responsibility for any pupil who arrives before or after school hours.

2. Going Home:

- Please be on time to collect your child.
- Be certain that the class teacher knows who is collecting your child.
- If there is any change in the person collecting your child you must inform the class teacher either by note or by phone call to the school.
- For safety reasons if your child is in the infants classes you must physically collect your child at the school gate. It will not do to call or beckon to your child to come.

Appointments:

Please telephone the secretary for appointment if you wish to meet a teacher or the Principal. You will be notified of the dates of the Parent Teacher meetings later in the year.

Healthy Lunches:

We have a healthy lunch policy in the school. Your co-operation with this is really appreciated.

Milk Scheme:

This will resume in October. Your child will get details of this during the week.

Labelling pupils' belongings:

Please make sure that your child's name is on his/her books, clothes, lunchboxes etc.

Education Welfare Act:

Under this Act schools are obliged to report to the Education Welfare Board the name of any child who is absent from school for more than 20 days in any school year. Equally Parents are obliged to inform the school in writing of the date/s and reason/s why children are absent from school. For your convenience each child has been given notes to facilitate you in doing this.

Health issues:

The school should be notified immediately of any health condition or indeed of any condition that may affect your child's progress in school.

Mobile Phones:

Children should only have mobile phones in school if it is absolutely essential that the child needs it after school. All phones must be turned off and given to the Principal every morning. They 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.

Mercy Day Mass:

This Mass will be celebrated on Monday next the 24th September in St. Colman's Church at 11.15a.m. The pupils and staffs of St. Mary's Secondary School and St. Joseph's Primary School will combine to celebrate and remember Catherine McAuley the foundress of the Sisters of Mercy. They have done wonderful work in this parish especially in the field of education for over 140 years and it is delightful for us to join with them on this special day. It would be so wonderful if you the Parents could also join us at 11.15 on the 24th to celebrate Mercy Day.

You may collect your child at 12.30p.m. at the school gate on the 24th September.

Le gach dea-ghuí
Kathleen O'Driscoll

