



Welcome back after the Summer holidays !

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

Mrs. E. McAuley, Ms. B. Kelleher, Sr. Colette and Ms S. Dunton are not with us on the staff of St Joseph's, as we start the new school year. We thank them for their dedication to all their pupils during their time with us. We wish Mrs. McAuley and Ms. Kelleher all the best in their new positions and Sr. Colette on her retirement.

We were delighted that we are recognised as a Health Promoting School on the 24th June. Thanks to all the parents who came to celebrate with us and to SuperValu for sponsoring the fruit and vegetables for the day.

Thanks for your co-operation in helping us reach this goal, and we look forward to your continued support. Keep up the good work.

**MERCY DAY Mass**

You are welcome to join us for Mass for the opening of the School year on Friday, the 23rd September. This is a celebration for Mercy Day which is on Saturday 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 Friday 23rd September. You may collect your child at the school gate.**

**WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS TERM**

- Folk Dances for Junior and Senior Infants this term
- Drama classes start in November.
- Swimming for 2nd. and 3rd classes.
- A visit to Lifetime Lab in Cork for Classes Third to Sixth Classes
- First & Second Classes are doing football training.
- The Van Brugh String Quartet will visit our school
- School Milk Scheme has started with the introduction of different varieties of milk.

**REMINDERS**

- Children should wear **school uniform** in school, black shoes to be worn with uniform and runners with school tracksuit.
- 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'.
- Please let us know if your child is absent and the **reason why**. Absent forms have been given to Junior classes and they are in your child's school Journal.
- **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 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.

**PARENTS ASSOCIATION**

We at St. Joseph's greatly appreciate the support and co-operation that 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. New members are always welcome, so if you would like to help, you can contact Sylvia Sexton (087) 7687505, Sandra Kelleher (087) 6465285, Tina Murray(087)6523919.

**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**

31st Oct to 4th. Nov	School closed
7th Nov	School re-opens
15th & 16th Nov	Parent Teacher Meetings
8th Dec	School Closed
22nd Dec	School closes for Christmas holidays
9th Jan <b>2012</b>	School re-opens
16th.& 17th. Feb	School Closed
19th. March	School Closed
2nd. April to 13th April.	School Closed Easter Holidays
16th April	School re-opens
7th, 8th, 9th. May	School Closed
4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th June	School Closed
29th June	Summer holidays.

**First Holy Communion Saturday 28th April 2012**

**Confirmation Thursday 17th May 2012**