



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 Ms Buckley, Ms Cooper, Ms Ivory, Ms Grant and Ms Looney to our teaching staff.

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

Thanks for your co-operation, 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 Monday, 24th September. This year is a sad occasion for the Sisters in the Convent as it is their last year celebrating Mercy Day with us. The Convent has been in the town for 147 years. St Joseph's has a long association with the Convent as the Primary School was started in 1867, two years after the Convent was opened.

We wish Srs. Francesca, Assumpta, Consilio, Mary and Colette well in their new communities.

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 Monday 24th 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 3rd and 4th class.
- A visit to Lifetime Lab in Cork for Classes Third to Sixth Classes
- The Vox Merus—a brass quintet will visit our school
- School Milk Scheme will start next week 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.
- 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. All absences of 20 days or more are reported to the NEWB.
- Continue to provide a **healthy lunch** to your child each day. **Friday is Fruity Friday**.

- 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.

### 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. You are welcome to their first meeting on Tuesday 25th 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, Tina Murray(087)4126193. Ellen Buckley(087)6362352, Sile O'Leary (087)0874176570

### 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

29th Oct to 2nd. Nov	School closed
5th Nov	School re-opens
13th & 14th Nov	Parent Teacher Meetings
21st Dec	School closes for Christmas holidays
7th Jan 2013	School re-opens
14th. & 15th. Feb	School Closed
18th. March	School Closed
22nd. March to 5th April.	School Closed Easter Holidays
8th April	School re-opens
6th, 7th May	School Closed
3rd, 4th June	School Closed
28th June	Summer holidays.

**First Holy Communion Saturday 27th April 2013**

**Confirmation Thursday 12th March 2013**