



## St. Joseph's P.S. and Nursery Unit

October 21

## Month of the Holy Rosary/ Mission Month

### School Development Planning

The school will be focusing on reengaging our children with learning, active learning and wellbeing.

Other key areas for this year are:

Anti Bullying, SEN and the Engage Programme

### Key Dates

**5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Oct.** P1 Baseline Parent Meetings

**Tues. 7<sup>th</sup> Oct.** – Flu Vaccination Day

**Mon. 18<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Writer to visit P5

**Fri. 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct** – School Closes at 1.30

**25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> Oct** – School Closed - Halloween

**Halloween Walk - Time and Date to follow.**

Congratulations to all our children playing sports with our local clubs. It is great to see so many young people getting involved.

### Communication

St. Joseph's is committed to improving our communication with parents and we currently use texts/Twitter/website/DOJO/Seesaw / letters/ flyers. **In the event of an emergency school closure we will use text/Seesaw/DOJO and e mail as our first means of communication and we therefore ask that you check that all contact numbers are current and that you are receiving texts.** As we have returned to face to face teaching, our staff will not be able to respond to messages on DOJO immediately. If you need to raise an issue with a staff member, rather than using DOJO, please contact the main office or e mail the info@account below and a meeting/phonecall will be arranged - staff cannot come to the phone during class time.



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### Dinner/Lunch

**From the 1<sup>st</sup> Oct. you will no longer be able to book free or paid meals through the office. Please book on Sunday for the week ahead. (Please remember to pack a healthy lunch. Children are not to take diluted or fizzy juice to school – only water).**

As our school numbers grow we have had to make changes to our daily systems. It is important that your child can do the following:

- Use cutlery properly – knife, fork and spoon and be able to cut meat etc
- Be able to carry a plate of food to their table
- Keep their eating space and clothes clean when eating
- Tidy up their own belongings if they are eating a packed lunch
- P3 – P7 children must be able to scrape their leftover food into a bin
- Eat quietly at their table and use a quiet inside voice
- Be respectful to all adults who help/supervise them

**Safety** - We remind all parents that no-one is to park in Gateways/School Entrances at any time. Parents must also not drive into the carparks or park in the Taxi/Bus Bays. We have limited space and buses/taxis need space to turn.

### ATTENDANCE

**Please check your child's attendance on their most recent report –anything below 95% means that your child is beginning to miss too much school.**

Our classes are being continually disrupted by latecomers and children being taken out of school early – it is important for all our children that they do not miss out on morning announcements and afternoon activities. Due to the layout of the school this also means taking an adult away from the class.

- All absences must be explained in writing to the teacher on the day of return.
- Medical and Dental appointments must be arranged after school.
- For absences due to hospital/outpatients parents must have written evidence from the clinic.

**Please note that we are asking for this information to support your child's learning, wellbeing and progress.**

### Parent Teacher Meetings LSCs/ASCs and P2 – P7 (Mainstream)

– phone meetings will take place on the week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> Nov. and school will close at 1.30 on Mon/Tues 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.

