



'Being the best that we can be'

'Friday Note'

Friday 21 January 2017

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Looking back...

Another busy week here in St. Joseph's....

I hope you enjoyed reading your year group newsletters and finding out a little more about what's happening in your child's class. You also received your child's half termly assessment if your child is in P3 – P7. This will give you an idea about how your child is performing in Literacy and Numeracy. The test is based on the learning that has taken place that term. This is another way that we aim to keep you fully informed about your child's progress.

PE Uniform

I would like to remind all parents that PE uniform is a **blue polo shirt** and plain **navy blue bottoms** either leggings, bottoms or shorts. We would ask that pupils do not wear bottoms or tops with sports logos, stripes etc. This is particularly important when they are walking to and from Wallace Park or the Racquets' Club. We always like to ensure that St. Joseph's is represented well when we are out and about!

Waste Free Lunchboxes

We would like to try something new at lunchtime. In order to allow you as parents to see what your child has eaten at lunchtime we are going to trial our **'Waste Free Lunchbox'** starting from Monday of next week. Children will bring home all the waste from their lunch including wrappers etc. This will also help us as a school cut down on the amount of waste generated here and help us become a greener zone as well as hopefully giving children more playtime. This would be a good time to ensure your child has reusable plastic lunchboxes to store waste as well as a lunch bag. Thanking you in advance for your support.

Post-Inspection Update

This week Miss Clarke and Mrs O'Hare carried out a 'Book Look' in Mathematics. This involved looking at a range of books from each class, 9 in total. They looked to see if the work in the books matched the work that had been planned for in the monthly numeracy planners. They also looked at the ways in which work was differentiated for all ability levels as well as looking at problem solving. The results from the book scoop were extremely positive across all year groups. Feedback will be given to each year group and recommendations for future action made. This is all part of our monitoring and evaluating timetable.

ICT Tracking Assessment Grids

This week Mrs Gould delivered the first training session in the use of our newly devised ICT tracking grids to all staff. These grids will allow us to assess ICT in the same way as we would assess Literacy and Numeracy. The grids will also allow us to extract class, year group and whole school data so that we can set targets for improvement in ICT. Teachers will complete the grids on a half termly basis based on the ICT skill taught that term. I will continue my lesson observations next week and I am delighted that Mrs Jill Garland (ETI District Inspector) will be observing lessons with me on Tuesday of next week.

Call out for school kit!

Unfortunately there is a lot of our school sports kit missing, including hoodies. Please, please have a look around the house for some missing pieces and return them to Mrs Gartland ASAP. Thank you!

St. Joseph's hurlers out and about!

Our p6 and P7 hurlers were out and about on Thursday. They played 2 indoor hurling matches winning one match 2-1 against Holy Rosary and losing one match to Bunscoil Phobal Feirste! A great afternoon ...Mrs Gartland said the team played excellently all afternoon.



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Looking ahead...

Monday 23 January 2017	Tuesday 24 January 2017	Wednesday 25 January 2017	Thursday 26 January 2017	Friday 27 January 2017
<p>Mrs Fleming: Transfer Interviews</p> <p>Mrs Fleming – ICT Lesson Observations</p> <p>Quality Learning and Teaching Workshop for teachers</p> <p>Board of Governors' Meeting at 6pm</p>	<p>Mrs Fleming: Transfer Interviews</p> <p>Mrs Fleming – ICT Lesson Observations</p> <p>P4 at pottery in Island Arts Centre Mrs Gould's class at 9.30am</p> <p>Mrs Connolly's class at 11am</p> <p>P6 Soccer @ Killowen PS @ 2pm with Mr Reid</p> <p>P7 Confirmation Meeting at 6pm in the assembly hall</p> <p>PTA meeting at 7pm in the school staff room</p>	<p>Mrs Fleming: Transfer Interviews</p> <p>Mrs Fleming – ICT Lesson Observations</p> <p>Mrs O'Hare: Vice- Principal Development Day Sub: Mrs Anne Loughran</p> <p>Mrs Connolly observing IEPs in action in the classroom SUB: Miss McNally</p> <p>P5 at tennis in Wallace Park Dome</p> <p>P7 Girls' Soccer tournament at Ballymacash PS at 2pm with Mr Reid</p> <p>Indoor Camogie tournament at Andersonstown Leisure Centre 2pm – 3pm with Mrs Gartland</p> <p>Mrs Fleming and Mrs O'Hare at CCMS Cluster meeting from 2pm</p>	<p>Mrs Fleming – ICT Lesson Observations</p> <p>Mrs Connolly at SENCO training from 12.30pm</p> <p>Indoor Camogie tournament at Andersonstown Leisure Centre 2pm – 3pm with Mrs Gartland</p>	<p>Mrs Connolly on an Epilepsy awareness course SUB: miss McNally</p> <p>Mrs McManus at Foundation Stage Training SUB: Ms Gorman</p> <p>Olympic Handball at Lough Moss 11.45am – 3pm with Mrs Gartland</p>

Have a great weekend. See you all on Monday.

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