

# *St. Jarlath's Journal*

*"Finding success in every child"*

**SEPTEMBER 2017**

*Dinner money for September: £54.60 P2 to P7*

*£39.00 P1*

*(£2.60 a day from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017)*

*Fruit: P1 - P3: £4 per month*

## **Free School Meals**

All pupils who are entitled to Free School Meals must have received a confirmation date from the EA **before** a free dinner can be given to a child.

## **Stretch and Tone for P6 and P7**

Mr Loughran is continuing "Stretch and Tone " for P6 and P7 pupils each morning for a 10 minute period from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September. Girls should remember to wear their PE shorts under their skirts for this.

## **Beginning of year mass**

Pupils will walk to the church on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September** to attend mass to mark the beginning of the school year. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## **Curriculum Evening**

A very important information session for parents will be delivered by each teacher on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September**. This session will enable you to help your child achieve their best this school year. If you have more than one child at our school you may wish to choose a different class to the one you attended last year.

### **Times:**

P1 and P2: 3pm.

P3 and P4: 4pm

P5,6 and 7: 5pm.

*Each session will run for 25 minutes*

## **Updated contact details**

Each family will receive a form to collect updated contact details. It is imperative that these forms are returned to school **IMMEDIATELY**. Please include a mobile phone number so that you can receive reminder texts. If you do not wish to avail of text reminders please make this clear on the form.

## **Marking school uniform**

Please ensure that your child's /children's clothing are all correctly labelled as it is very hard to find lost clothing if it is not labelled.

### **P.E. kit reminder**

P1, 2, 3 and 4: pale blue polo shirt and plain navy shorts

P5, 6 and 7: plain white polo shirt, royal blue (with white stripes) sports shorts, blue and white socks for interschool competitions.

Also remember that **every** child needs a pair of black plimsolls for indoor PE sessions. P.E. clothes should be placed in a **small** (no big sports bags) labelled PE bag and left in school from Monday to Friday.

### **School rule reminder**

Jewellery, except wrist watches, should not be worn for reasons of safety. Hairstyles should be kept neat and tidy – no colouring of hair is permitted.

### **Medical condition**

If your child has a medical condition which their teacher needs to know about, please contact the school secretary to make an appointment to see the teacher. Also inhalers must not be sent to school without informing the class teacher beforehand and completing the necessary paperwork.

### **Walk to school**

We will continue to encourage our pupils to walk or cycle to school safely during this school year, under the supervision of their parent(s).

### **No Nuts Policy**

The school operates a **No Nuts** policy at all times. No pupils may bring anything containing nuts to school or on school trips.

### **Trespassing**

As we begin another new school year we would like to remind pupils and parents that pupils are **NOT** permitted to play on school grounds after school hours or during holidays. We would remind everyone that the school is monitored by CCTV cameras.

### **Healthy Eating Policy**

The school operates a **Healthy Eating Policy** which means that only fruit or vegetables, water or milk can be brought in for break. Pupils in P1 –P3 have fresh fruit provided daily in their classrooms.

**We ask all parents to abide by this policy**

### **Attendance**

If your child is absent from school, the class teacher must be informed of the reason in writing. Attendance has to be monitored and any child whose attendance drops below 85% will be contacted by the principal. Please try to ensure that your child arrives on time for class as late comers not only disrupt the teacher and other pupils but persistent late comers also lose

out on valuable teaching time. Registration closes **9:10am** and any pupil arriving after this time will receive a late mark.

### **Good Behaviour**

As we start a new year, we are appealing to you as parents to support the positive behaviour policy that staff promotes in this school. This is particularly important in the dinner hall where pupils are under care of supervisory assistants. It is imperative that pupils realise that the same standard of behaviour is expected at all times, whether in class, in the yard, in the dinner hall or on the bus. As a staff member we hope that parents will encourage good behaviour and respect towards others at all times. Any pupil who displays bad behaviour will be placed on a behaviour report until they improve.

### **Holidays during term time**

Any pupil who goes on holiday during term time will be marked down as an unauthorised absence (except in the case of family emergencies). Valuable teaching time is lost when pupils miss out on normal classes and this cannot be approved by the school. All absences from school are either classed as "Authorised" or "Unauthorised" BUT are still absences.

### **Meeting with teachers**

Teachers are available, by prior appointment on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday afternoons **after 2:30pm** if you wish to discuss your child. Please contact the school secretary to make an appointment.

***In an emergency school can be contacted immediately.***

### **Dinner money/Milk/Ties/Money Pouches/Fruit**

- Dinner money is **£13.00** per week per child and **MUST** be paid in advance on a **Monday**.
- Money pouches can be obtained from the office at **£1.50**.
- **Ties** are also available at **£3:50** for elastic and **£3:95** for self-tying tie.
- **Milk** is **£13** per term/**£39** per year
- **Snack** for P1, 2 and 3 pupils is **£4 per month**.

### **Teaching arrangements**

P1: Ms Monaghan and Mrs Doherty  
P3: Mrs Fearon  
P5: Mrs Campbell  
P7: Mr Loughran and Miss Rafferty

P2: Ms Smyth and Mrs Keenan  
P4: Mrs Vallely  
P6: Miss O'Neill

