

St. Jarlath's Journal

"Finding success in every child"

SEPTEMBER 2019

Dinner money for September: P1 : £39.00 P2 to P7: £52.00

Fruit: P1 - P3: £4 per month

Milk: £15 a term: to be paid before Friday 6th September

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 9th September. Girls should remember to wear their PE shorts under their skirts for this.

Beginning of year mass

Beginning of year mass will be celebrated in school on Wednesday 11th September in school for P2 - P7 pupils at 10am. Parents welcome.

Curriculum Evening

A very important information session for parents will be delivered by each teacher on **Monday 9th 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:

P3, P4 and P7: 6:00pm

P1, P2, P5 and P6: 6:30 pm

Each session will run for @ 25 minutes. Please make every effort to attend.

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.

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. Stud ear-rings which cannot be removed, have to be taped, at home, on PE days, 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.

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 95% 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 **9:00am** and any pupil arriving after this time will receive a late mark and parents must sign the late book.

FUNdamentals programme

As you are aware DENI withdrew the funding for FUNdamentals last year. In order to maintain this brilliant programme, we ask parents to donate £1 per week. P1 to P4 pupils should send in **£15 by Friday 13th** please.

Healthy Eating Policy

The school operates a **Healthy Eating Policy** which means that only bread, 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

Good Behaviour

As we start a new year, we are appealing to you as parents to support the positive behaviour policy that staff promote 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. 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**. NO EXCEPTIONS.
- Money pouches can be obtained from the office at **£1.50**.
- Ties are also available at **£3.95** for elastic and **£4:00** for self-tying tie.
- Milk is **£15.00** per term/**£45.00** per year
- **Snack** for P1, 2 and 3 pupils is **£4 per month**.

After School Supervision

After School Supervision is available to P1 and P2 pupils each day from 1:30pm to 2:30pm. Pupils must be enrolled for this service. The cost is £2 per day and must be paid each Friday.

Teaching arrangements

P1: Mrs Fearon and Mrs Doherty

P3: Ms Monaghan and Ms Rafferty

P5: Mrs Campbell

P7: Mr Loughran and Ms Rafferty

P2: Ms Smyth , Mrs Keenan and Miss Mc Clelland

P4: Mrs Vallely and Miss Gorman

P6: Mr Mc Ginn

Morning prayers

The bell will ring at 8:40am each morning to signal to classes to get ready for Morning Prayers. Prayers will start at 8:45am at which time the side door will be closed. Pupils arriving late will have to remain outside the front door until someone is available to let them in; this may not be until after prayers as all staff accompany their classes to prayers.

Parents are asked NOT to enter the assembly hall during prayers as this disrupts the pupils and staff from prayers.

After School Clubs, Term 1: to be paid for by 6th September

Day	Club	Leader	Classes open to	Class size	Sessions	Total Cost
Monday 9 th Sept - Mon 14 th Oct	Tag rugby	Burns Skill School	P1 and P2 P3 to P7	20 20	5 x £3	£15
Wednesday 11 th Sept - Wed 23 rd Oct	Soccer	Burns Skill School	P1 and P2 P3 to P7	20 20	7 x £3	£21

School App and Teachers2parents

In order to receive copies of Newsletters all parents need to download the School website app:

<https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/schools-ni/id1044596183>

General messages will be sent via the app while specific messages will be sent via Teachers2parents.

ALL parents need access to both if they wish to stay informed.