**End of Year Newsletter 2023**

We would like to wish everyone in our school community a relaxing, rejuvenating and safe summer break. Many thanks to all who have helped keep our school a fun and safe learning environment this year.

**Class Teacher Allocations 2023-24**

**Junior and Senior Infants: Ms. Kearns**

**1st-2nd: Ms. Griffin**

**3rd – 4th: Ms. Beirne**

**5th-6th: Mr. Buckley**

**Special Education Teacher: Mrs. Madden**

**Shared Special Education Teacher: Ms. Dixon**

**SNAs: Ms O’Brien, Ms Hickey, Ms Sheridan**

**Special Education Hours 2023-2024**

**We are currently in the process of allocating next years ‘Special Educational Needs’ hours. We will continue to prioritize the children in the school with the greatest need. Children who have a Sten 4 or higher in Drumcondra test scores generally do not meet the criteria for such support.**

**School Grounds**

**The Board of Management of St Joseph’s has asked us to remind everyone that the school grounds are out of bounds to all. School grounds are for use only by St. Joseph’s pupils during school hours. Unauthorised use has previously resulted in damage to the grounds and equipment which the school can ill afford to fix. Please be advised that any unauthorized entry is trespassing and unfortunately we will have no choice but to hand over the CCTV footage to Gardaí. There are numerous signs posted around the school grounds advising of same. Many thanks for your cooperation with this matter.**

**Books, Workbook and Copies**

**Just a reminder that under the new Free School Books Scheme, you are not required to purchase these items for your child’s return to school. There are resources that this scheme does not cover, please see the note sent home via Aladdin. €50 per child to cover items not included can be paid via Aladdin Connect over the holidays or when your child returns to school in September.**

**School Tours 2023**

**The Junior school tour was on Monday 12th June. They went to Dublin Zoo and the Senior school tour went to a Let’s Go! Camp in DCU. Both tours were excellent and the children had a wonderful time!**

**Active Week 2023**

**The children experienced a variety of different games, skills and above all had great fun participating during Active Week! The arrival of ice creams from the Parents Association on Sports Day was a particular highlight of the day! Thank you to the past pupils who are now in secondary school who came to help out on Sports Day on Friday. It is always lovely to see our past pupils and to witness their great fondness at the many wonderful memories they have of our school! Thank you to Mr. Buckley, for organising such an energetic Active Week at our school.**

**Incredible Edibles Project**

**Well done to Junior & Senior Infants and 1st & 2nd Class on winning the Silver award in the Incredible Edibles programme. The children have really enjoyed learning about where our food comes from, the importance of buying Irish whenever possible, and sowing lettuce, cauliflower, strawberries and spinach in the school garden. Thank you to Ms. Kearns and Ms. Farnan for participating in this project with their classes.**

**Pride of Place Project**

**1st & 2nd Class were working in the school garden as part of Meath County Council’s Pride of Place School Gardens Scheme 2023. The children constructed a new bug hotel, painted fairy doors and put them in the woodland area, introduced windmills into the garden and painted the sleepers that form part of the raised beds. They achieved a level 3 Gold Award and have been rewarded with a certificate of achievement and €150 for the school.**

**Oliver’s Recipe Book ‘Come Taste My Favourite Recipes’**

**Oliver Collins in 6th Class has spent two years working on the project of cooking, writing and publishing his own recipe book. The finished product looks incredible and is an inspiration to any young cook. We have a signed copy of Oliver’s recipe book in our school library for present and future pupils to read and enjoy!**

**Slán libh Rang a Sé!**

**We say a fond farewell to 6th Class. We wish them all the best as they move on to secondary school. We hope that they will return to see us often!**

**Defibrillator**

The code for access to the defibrillator located at the school as C123.

**Summer Holidays**

**Our school year will finish at 12pm on Friday 30th June. We wish everyone a relaxing and rejuvenating summer break and we will see you all on Wednesday 30th August at 9:10am!**

**Dates for Your Diary**

Friday 30th June Summer Holidays: finish @12pm

Wednesday 30th August School reopens 9:10am

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