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St Elizabeth's Primary & Nursery School

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Enjoyment

School Newsletter 13, 10th June '19

Respect

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please see below for important information regarding the next few, very busy weeks at school.

Sacramental Preparation - P4 Communicants

Our P4 children had a wonderful day celebrating their First Holy Communion on Saturday 18th May. The children were so well prepared and excited for their special day and all were beautifully turned out. We hope all families enjoyed celebrating the day with their children.

Curriculum Links - Wizard of Oz

The children enjoyed our recent performance of the Wizard of Oz from M & M productions. Many thanks to all parents who used Parent Pay to pay for this and also to our Community Partnership who helped with the cost. Moving forward, we will be using Parent Pay for all our events. Anyone who has still to pay for this event is asked to please do so by this coming Friday the 14th June. Thank you everyone

Induction Days

We have had 3 induction days for our new Primary 1 children and it has been wonderful to meet them and their families. Many thanks to our Buddies who have done a wonderful job so far of helping our new children become more familiar with our school.

Important Dates



June

Mon 10th Joseph Show, 1pm and 7pm
Tues 11th Joseph Show, 10am and 7pm
Wed 12th P1 Taster Lunch, 11am
Thurs 13th Sports Day Morning and Health Afternoon
Mon 17th End of Term reports home
Tues 18th School Fun Day
Thurs 20th P7 Leavers Service, Mass (pm) and Party (3.30-5.30pm)
Tues 25th Mass at 1.45pm in school hall
Wed 26th Talent Show
Fri 28th Holidays begin at 1pm.



Mrs Emmett's Retirement

In order to commemorate Mrs Emmett's retirement, we will be having a Mass on Tues 25th June at 1.45pm in our school hall. Followed by tea/coffee and goodies in our dining hall. All families and friends are invited to come along and we would be delighted if as many of you as possible were able to join us to help us mark this occasion and the many, many years Mrs Emmett has committed to our school.

We have also received many donations towards a gift for Mrs Emmett from the children, many thanks for your generosity with this. If anyone would still like to contribute, can we ask that you please do so by Wednesday 19th June. Please hand any donations in to our school office.

End of Term Reports

These will be with you next week along with details of the class your child will be in next session as well as who their teacher will be. We hope you find your child's report informative – we would be grateful if you would please complete and return the Comments Sheet to us - we really appreciate you taking the time to give us your feedback/comments and suggestions. Thank you very much everyone.

Joseph

As you will know, we have our performances of the musical Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat currently underway in our school. The children have been practising so hard over many weeks and we are so proud of every single one of them, particularly all children who have taken on lead roles and have the courage and confidence to be on stage doing solo parts! They are wonderful. We hope you thoroughly enjoy the shows if you are able to come along. Many thanks to the members of our Community Partnership who, once again, are at the forefront of helping to support this event. You are wonderful too!

Entering the Playground

During the summer holidays, building work will be beginning in our school and our ICT Suite and Library will be transformed in to classrooms – these 2 rooms will be our P1 classroom in August. During the course of next session, further work will be taking place as our current P1 and P1/2 classrooms are going to be transformed in to nursery playrooms. Our 2-3 Nursery Room will eventually move to where our staffroom is and our staffroom will be moved in to our 2-3 Room.

Our nursery times are also changing and from August our nursery will operate at the following times
9am – 3pm (with the option to purchase an additional hour until 4pm); 9.30-3.0pm or 10am -4pm.

As a result of all this, access through our usual entrance round by the nursery area will not be possible and we are changing the way our children enter and leave school. Children will enter by the gate next to the car park – we have requested an additional gate be added so that the children can walk around the front of the school and remain on the pavement. We have also asked for additional fencing on the walkway. They will then walk in to the playground. The car park gates will be closed from 8.45am to further help ensure safety. At the end of the day, all our classes will come out the 2 pedestrians gates at the car park and will be walked to these gates by class teachers. To help ensure everyone's safety parents should no longer come in to the playground from August. Further to this, the car park gates will be closed at 2.45pm until 3.15pm every day to allow our children to leave safely.

As our nursery children will also be coming and going at these times, the area around our school is going to become even busier than it already is and we ask everyone to be co-operative and considerate about parking, etc. There is a car park available in the Sports Centre opposite our school that we are also able to use. Can I ask you to please pass this message on to any family members who may be involved in drop offs and collections.

School Uniform

As you know, our school uniform is brown and blue and no changes will be made to this. Our children wear their uniform with pride and it helps to build a sense of identity amongst our children. Trainers should not be worn to school, black school shoes please. We are all aware of the pressure nowadays to buy designer labels, none of which come cheaply! Please help us all by trying to keep this pressure away from our school, particularly in these days when we are all watching our money that bit more carefully. Plain, black school shoes should be worn by all children and plimsolls are needed for indoor PE. Trainers are required for outdoor PE but again, plain black ones are sufficient.

We are currently considering the Cost of the School Day and information has been shared with our Community Partnership. I am keen for us to try to cut our costs down as much as possible. I would be very grateful if you would take a few minutes to complete the questionnaire attached to this information letter and return to school by Wed 19th June please.

Rag Bag Collection

Our next Rag Bag Collection is on Wed 19th June – all donations very welcome and greatly appreciated.

School Improvement

At this time of year, we are looking towards next session (believe it or not) and planning our focuses for areas we want to be improving. Your input in to this is essential to us and so I would be very grateful if you wouldn't mind taking just another few minutes to complete and return the Improvement Focus Sheet with your thoughts/suggestions and comments. Please return as soon as you can and no later than Wed 19th June.

Many, many thanks everyone for your help and support with all of the above.

Best wishes

Miss C MacPhee
Head Teacher