

**Junior (Under 11 on 1.8.2013)(Ms. Byrne):** Training Mondays and Thursdays Bushy Park 3-4pm Matches Tuesdays.

**Junior B (4th class)(Mr. Ring):** Training Mondays Bushy Park 3-4pm Matches Tuesdays, mini-league Thursdays VEC grounds.

**2nd/3rd/4th class leagues:** VEC grounds Thursdays. Boys are accompanied by a teacher to the VEC grounds and should be collected at 3.45pm.

- **Training** in Bushy Park always **starts at 3pm and concludes at 4pm.**
- **It is parents' responsibility to ensure boys arrive safely at the park and are supervised before training starts. Afterwards boys should be collected at 4pm sharp.**

In the event of bad weather training will not take place and text messages will be sent to parents. A decision would normally be made around 1.30pm..

**Templeogue Synge Street GFC** Gaelic Football Academy Saturdays.@ Bushy Park. 10:30am to 11.30am (Boys & Girls Aged 4 to 7 ) Older boys and girls play on teams.

New Members Welcome

Contact: Dave Farrelly 087-9884783

MOUTH GUARDS ARE COMPULSORY.

**Faughs Hurling Club** (Beside the Spawell) provide coaching and training from Senior Infants upwards.

For more details contact Tommy O'Mahony 086-8114643

**Registering prospective pupils for the school:** If you have a child for Junior Infants next year (Sept. 2014) who has not been registered, it is important to contact the school immediately. Applications for Junior Infants will be processed in January 2014.

### SCHOOL CALENDAR 2013 - 2014

**Referendum:** Closed on October 4th

**Hallowe'en:** Closed Mon 28th October to Fri 1st Nov incl.

**Christmas:** Closed Mon 23rd Dec to Fri 3rd January incl.

**February:** Closed Thurs 20th and Fri 21st Feb.

**March:** Closed Mon 17th and Tues 18th March.

**Easter:** Closed Mon 14th April to Fri 25th April

**June:** Closed Mon 2nd & Tues 3rd June

**Summer Holidays** - Closing Friday 27th June

# St. Joseph's Newsletter

September 2013

## WELCOME BACK!

We extend a big welcome back to everybody and a special welcome to all our new pupils. We would also like to welcome Ms. Rosemary Ryan and Ms. Anne Marie Delaney to our teaching staff. Ms Ryan and Ms Delaney have joined our SEN team.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### Sacraments:

- Confirmation for 6<sup>th</sup> classes will be on **Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup> 2014**
- The boys in 2<sup>nd</sup> Class will receive their First Holy Communion on **Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> May 2014**

### Referendum:

The school will be closed on **October 4th** as it is being used for the referendum.

**Parent/Teacher Meetings:** Parent/Teacher meetings will take place on **3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of December**. More details will follow.

**St. Joseph's Parent Association:** The Annual General Meeting of the Parent Association will take place on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September** in the school hall.

**Class Football League:** The football league for 2nd, 3rd and 4th classes commenced **Thursday 12th September** in the VEC Grounds.

Please collect children from the grounds at **3.45 pm** each day after the league.

**School Photographs:** Ms. Jacqui Townsend will visit the school to photograph the Junior Infants on **October 3<sup>rd</sup>**.

**Book Fair:** This year we once again welcome the Celtic Book Fair to our school! The books will arrive on **October 15th** and we will enjoy the fair until the **October 22nd**. The Book Fair adds a great deal of excitement to school life for the boys!

## PLEASE NOTE

**Text Alert and email facilities:** Please ensure that your contact details are up to date on our school database. There is an online form on the school website at <http://stjosephsterenure.ie/parents-info/contact-info/>.

**Cancellations:** You will be notified by text or email if a school activity is cancelled at short notice. Otherwise you can assume that the activity will proceed as scheduled.

**Data Protection:** In accordance with our data protection policy, the school cannot disclose personal details such as phone numbers or addresses to parents. We would ask parents not to approach pupils for such details.

**Birthday Invitations:** It is not permitted to distribute birthday invitations on the school premises.

### **School Insurance:**

The Board of Management is concerned in relation to its duty of care to the large number of pupils who come into the school premises before the official starting time of 8.50 a.m. The school insurance applies to pupils within school hours and during teacher supervised activities outside of school hours.

- **The Board cannot accept responsibility for pupils arriving before 8.50 a.m. A similar situation arises in relation to caring for pupils after school hours. The Board does not accept responsibility for pupils who await collection after 2.30 p.m.**
- Boys are expected to enter and leave the school and church premises in an orderly and calm manner. **They are not permitted to play ball or engage in any rough play on the school or church premises after 2.30 p.m. while awaiting collection.**
- **Scooters and bikes should be dismantled at the school gates.**
- A personal accident insurance scheme is organised with Allianz insurance. A premium of €6.00 for personal accident insurance has been included in the school expenses which should be paid directly to the class teacher. This insurance applies to pupils on a 24 hour basis.

**School Attendance and the Education Welfare Act 2000:** Parents are advised of the following requirements regarding school attendance under the Education Welfare Act. Section 21 of the Act obliges the Principal of the school to maintain a record of: ***all pupil absence for each school year and the reasons for each absence.***

The school Principal is obliged to notify the school's Education Welfare Officer when a pupil is absent for twenty or more school days and when a pupil is not attending school regularly. In order to implement these requirements the Board of Management has decided that when a pupil returns to school following absence, the class teacher should be informed in writing of the reasons for the absence. An email is not acceptable. The school is obliged to keep the written records which may be inspected by the school's Education Welfare Officer.

## CURRICULAR AND EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

**Comenius:** [www.windowoneurope.eu](http://www.windowoneurope.eu)

We are now in the second year of our two year Comenius Project "Window on Europe - Learning to Learn." We will be attending a planning meeting later this month to arrange the activities for the coming year. We will be hosting the closing ceremony for the project in St. Joseph's at the end of May.

The project is funded by Comenius which is part of the European Commission's Lifelong Learning Programme and Leargas the National body in Ireland.

**ICT:** <http://moodle.stjosephsterenure.ie>

We have been upgrading our Moodle site over the past few weeks. It can now be accessed at the above address. All boys from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> classes have their usernames and passwords. There is a large collection of educational programs with quizzes on Gaeilge, Numeracy, Literacy, SESE, Music and ICT. Moodle is a digital link between home and school and is a safe environment for pupils to communicate and upload their work.

**After School Classes:** All after school classes will commence on the week beginning **Monday 16th September** with the exception of Spanish Class which will begin on October 17th. Notes will follow from individual teachers.

**The Offbeat Club** ... is recruiting new members from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class. Ms Maher and a select group of students (often joined by Ms Kelly), had great fun last year **sharing talents and learning rhythms, chords and tunes**. We even became proficient enough to accompany at the Christmas Mass and at Córthéile na Scoileanna (*see the school website - music- Córthéile for the video*). We meet every Thursday morning at 8:20 a.m. to 8:50 a.m. If you are interested in learning and using the xylophone, chimes, Glockenspiels, djembes, bongos afuches, kalabash, the frog, and many more and want to explore rhythms and music such as Caribbean, African, Jazz, Rock n Roll and more, then why not come to **trials on THURSDAY, SEPT 19<sup>th</sup>, 8:20a.m. in the SCHOOL HALL**. It's not an instrumental lesson, but if you play something you can bring it along too – it will enrich the sound. Minimum 8 - maximum 20 members. Cost: **€2.00** to register, weekly: just your enthusiasm and talent.

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## SPORT

### **Gaelic Football:**

**Best wishes to our past pupils Denis Bastick and Eoghan O'Gara in the All-Ireland senior football final later in the month.**

For the months of September and October the following arrangements will be in place for the school gaelic football teams.

**Senior (Under 13)(Mr. Brennan):** Training Mondays 3-4pm Bushy Park, Matches Thursdays.