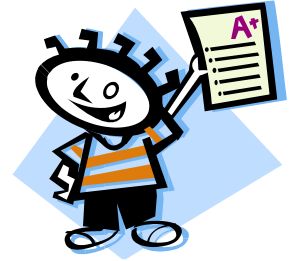




ST JOSEPH'S BOYS' SCHOOL
SEPTEMBER 2016



The summer holidays are now over and the school year 2016/2017 is upon us. We would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone and especially to our new pupils. We would also like to welcome Mr. Nick Killane to our teaching staff.

The school will celebrate a special mass to mark the new school year in the next few weeks. More details to follow.

After-School Football League: A football league for the boys in 3rd and 4th classes will begin **Wednesday 14th September in the VEC Grounds.** The games will run for 5 weeks.

School Expenses: We would appreciate if the school expenses could be paid to the class teacher as soon as possible. You will find the expenses itemised on the class booklist.

Board of Management: Our mother nominee, Dr. Ros Quinn has resigned from the Board of Management. We would like to thank Ros for her five years of service and commitment to the school. A meeting to elect a new parent nominee to the Board will take place on Monday 26th September at 7.45 p.m. in the school hall. The AGM of the Parent Association will also take place on this night starting at 8.00 p.m. in the same venue.



RULES & REGULATIONS

We request that you take time to read the **St. Joseph's School Code of Behaviour** in the homework journal and discuss all aspects of the code with your son.

A few reminders!

The school depends on you to help and encourage your child to be friendly, co-operative, to show good manners and to be aware of the importance of personal hygiene. We would welcome your support in implementing the following rules:

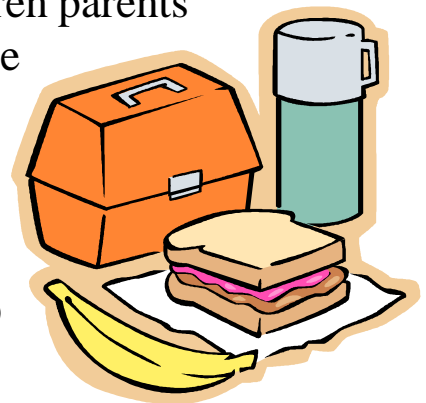
- (i) Children are expected to be on time for school.
- (ii) Children are expected to be courteous, well behaved at school and on their way to and from school. To be mindful of other people if using a scooter coming to school. (Please note that scooters should not be left in school as they are too accessible for other children throughout the day – also pupils must dismount bikes and scooters before entering school grounds).
- (iii) Pupils are not allowed to visit classrooms before official opening time unless they have permission from a teacher. This does not apply to the junior and senior infant boys.
- (iv) Pupils are not allowed (with the exception of junior infants), to remain in classrooms in the morning or during lunch breaks unless a written request is received from their parents. Such permission is granted when there is due reason.
- (v) Children are not allowed to leave the school premises during school time without written permission from their parent and the permission of the Principal/Class Teacher.
- (vi) Parents/guardians are requested to sign the diary in the office in the event of taking their child out of the school during school hours. Under the School Attendance and the Education Welfare Act 2000 parents must provide a written note for all pupil absences.

Mobile Phones: Children with mobile phones must have them switched off during school hours and during school led activities. Phones will be confiscated and parents informed if pupils use their phone in school without seeking permission from their teacher. Mobile phones with photographic or recording capability may not be used in any way which will offend the privacy of any school individual and/or be damaging to the reputation of the school.

Dogs: Parents are advised that dogs should not be taken into the school grounds or premises as the Board of Management is concerned that an accident could arise if a dog became upset or stressed for any reason.

Appearance and Dress: The school uniform is an essential part of the school Code of Behaviour. In the interest of the overall appearance of the boys, individually and collectively, we request your co-operation. The school uniform should be worn at all school functions. Boys are allowed to wear school track-suits to school on PE days and when they have games. ***We recommend that name labels be put on all coats, pullovers, ties, tracksuit tops in particular and sports gear. Name labels may be purchased from the Uniform Supply Shop.***

Lunch Breaks: In providing lunch for their children parents are urged to consider its nutritional value. The development of good food habits in a child will help to eliminate weight and health problems in later life. It is requested that you do not include sweets, chocolate, crisps or fizzy drinks in their lunch packs. ***CHEWING GUM IS PROHIBITED IN THE SCHOOL.***



Health/Hygiene: Your child's hair should be checked regularly for head lice. If your child has contracted lice you should inform the school and treat his hair immediately. The school will issue a note to all parents of the class requesting them to check their children.

Children who are sick should not be sent to school. If your child has a particular health issue you should advise the school. If your child needs medication on a regular basis you must make special arrangements for this

with the school. *It is most important to provide the school with a telephone number where you can be contacted in an emergency.*

It is the policy of the school not to release telephone numbers to other people unless prior consent is given.

Homework: Parents are requested to ensure that homework is completed each night and to sign the homework diary. If a child has not completed his homework, a written explanation should be provided.

Reception: Parents are reminded that during the school day all parents and visitors are required to enter the school through Reception in the main building. This is for the safety of all and the smooth running of the school.

CALENDAR FOR 2016/2017

- Oct:** The school will be closed from Monday 31st Oct to Friday 4th November inclusive. (Halloween)
- Dec:** The school will be closing Thursday 22nd Dec 12.00/12.30 p.m. Re-opens Mon 9th Jan.
- Feb:** The school will be closed on Monday 20th February to Friday 24th Feb inclusive
- March:** Closed Friday 17th March (St. Patrick's Day)
- April:** **Easter:** The school will be closing Fri 7th April at 12noon/12.30 p.m. Re-opens Monday 24th April.
- May:** Closed 1st May
- June:** Closed Monday 5th June
Summer Holidays – Fri 30th June

On a final note please keep up to date with all school policies, activities and events by checking our school website regularly at www.stjosephsterenure.ie