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# ST JOSEPH'S BNS

## IT'S GREAT TO BE BACK

Welcome back to all our pupils, staff and friends for the school year 2020-2021. I would like to especially welcome our Junior Infants who bravely started school during a pandemic with restrictions that required them to have great courage, independence and enthusiasm. Without a doubt they rose to the challenge! They have settled well into our school and we feel blessed to see their little smiling faces every day. We are all looking forward to another great year for our school.

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## DROP OFF AND COLLECTIONS

We ask for your support in order to ensure the safety of our pupils.

5th/6<sup>th</sup> class assemble in school yard at 8.30 am  
3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> class assemble in school yard at 8.45 am  
1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> class assemble in their yards at 9.00 am  
Infants assemble at 9.15 am

5th/6<sup>th</sup> class finish school at 2.10 pm  
3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> class finish school at 2.25 pm  
1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> class finish school at 2.40 pm  
Infants finish school at 1.55 pm

On mornings of heavy rain, please come straight in at your time.

## KEEPING US SAFE

Working together as a school community is more important than ever, if we are to keep our school open and safe. With the rising numbers of Covid -19 cases, there will be high levels of anxiety among parents, pupils and teachers – St Joseph's want to reassure you that all is being done to provide a safe school environment.

We will regularly communicate our safety plans with you and ask that you check we have your most recent details such as phone numbers and email addresses.

We need to work together in supporting our pupils, parents and teachers/assistants to transition and adjust to this changed environment. We need to be kind to one another. We need to be patient. We can see that adjusting to a new normal is bringing many challenges and fatigue for some and we recognise that there are some unknowns yet to be encountered.

We intend to take small steps forward and continue to do the best we can to make school life as normal as possible for our pupils. Ní neart go cur le chéile.

## ADMISSION/ENROLMENT SEPTEMBER 2021

A note to parents who may have younger boys intending to join our school for Junior Infants next year – we are accepting applications for September 2021 from Monday October 5<sup>th</sup>.

Changes were required to the existing admissions procedures for all Primary schools under the Education (Admissions to schools) Act 2018. Even if you had already dropped an application form previously, you will now need to resubmit a new application form which is available [here](#) and also upon request in our school office. Our Admission's Policy and Annual Admission's Notice outlining dates for applications and acceptance of offers etc. is also available on our website.

## ROOMS MADE ROOMIER – BOYS WORKING HARD!

A few snap shots  
of life in St  
Joseph's during  
a very sunny  
September.



Loving our  
mini gardens!

## NOTHING BETTER THAN OUTDOOR CLASSES



## FRIENDS+PODS=FUN TIMES



School Calendar 2020-2021

**October 2020**

**Halloween Mid-Term**

October 26<sup>th</sup> – October 30<sup>th</sup> inclusive **School Closed**

**December 2020**

**Christmas Holidays**

Closing at 12.00/12.30 on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2020

Re-opens 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021

**February 2021**

February 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> **Mid-Term School Closed**

**March 2021**

March 17<sup>th</sup> **St Patrick's Day Closed**

**April 2021**

**Easter Holidays**

Closing at 12.00/12.30 on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Re-opens April 12<sup>th</sup> 2021

**May 2021**

Bank Holiday May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> **School Closed**

**June 2021**

Bank Holiday June 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> **School Closed**

**Summer Holidays 2021**

Friday June 25<sup>th</sup> **School Closing @ 12.00/12.30**