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Information Notice

I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer break. As we welcome back all our pupils to St John's for our new school term I would like to pass on a few key messages and information on activities taking place within the school.

Communication

The majority of our school communication will be through our Class Dojo app. It is important that all parents have this downloaded and are logged in to their account with notifications turned on. As well as whole school messages, class teachers will contact parents through this platform. There is a direct message part to this app where parents can contact teachers however, teachers will only respond to these messages during school hours.

Should you need to contact the school any and all phone calls should be made directly to the school office on 028 3885 1743. No parents should access school buildings without appointment.

School Uniforms and Personal Possessions

Our school uniform is our sky-blue polo shirt with navy jumper and grey trousers/navy tracksuit bottoms or grey skirt / pinafore. On a Friday which is our PE day children may wear their Annaghmore jersey rather than their polo shirt, but their school jumper should still be worn. It is not a non-uniform day.

Please make sure that all items including jumpers, school bags, lunch boxes, pencil cases and water bottles are clearly labelled with your child's name and class.

School Money

St John's PS is aiming to operate as a cashless school by using the ParentPay app. Please ensure that you book and pay via ParentPay for your child's school dinner (£2.60). Afterschool Clubs, Swimming, Music and School Trips etc. will also be paid for using this app as well. We will offer one day per month to send money to school in a clearly marked envelope detailing the child's name, class and what the money is to be used for. Should money be sent to school outside of this date or is not in a clearly labelled envelope it will be sent home again with the child.

The day in September for sending in cash will be Monday 11th September.

Breakfast Club is run by the Parent Group and should be paid directly to them.

School Day

From the beginning of September our school day will run from 9:15am to 2:15pm for P2/3 and 3:15pm for P4-7. P1 will finish at 12:30 until the end of September. As a matter of health and safety there should be no children on the school premises before 9:00am when supervision will commence.

Lifestyle

St John's teachers and staff intend to aid children in living out a healthy and active lifestyle. To help us with this, we ask that all children bring a healthy snack to school with them for break time and that any children taking lunches aim to have a lunch box containing healthy foods. We strive to have a range of in-school and extra-curricular activities available to children and will keep you posted of these at the earliest convenience in the weeks and months ahead.

Afterschool Clubs

The Afterschool club from 2:15pm to 3:15pm will begin on Monday 4th September and the cost will continue to be £10 per week regardless of how many days that are used. This is to cover staffing costs and resources for this club. This should be paid through the ParentPay App.

Afterschool Sports with Owen will commence on Tuesday 5th September. The cost will be £3 per day and is also payable on ParentPay. Any children who are already paying for 2:15-3:15 Afterschool Club this price will be included. Owen will also take a group from 3:15-4:15.

School Holidays

School holidays for the 2023/24 Academic School Year are as follows:

October 2nd, 30th and 31st

November 1st – 3rd

December 1st, 25th – 29th

January 1st – 5th

February 12th – 16th

March 18th and 29th

April 1st – 5th

May 6th, 7th, 27th and 28th

If you require any clarification on the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks for your continued support.



Niall Morgan

Principal