

St. Joseph's Convent School

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Thank you all for the warm welcome which I have received since joining the school. I am looking forward to getting to know you all and have already had the pleasure of meeting with some of you.

The school year has got off to a very positive start and the girls and staff are already working hard. I have been in and out of classrooms talking with staff and the girls regarding their learning. I am very much looking forward to doing more of this.

We had our first whole school Assembly yesterday morning and I am delighted that Father Salmon popped in last week to meet me. He is going to celebrate a school Mass for us on Wednesday afternoon. Please bear with me as I become familiar with St Joseph's and I very much look forward to welcoming you into school on a regular basis.

I hope to have the school calendar with you shortly so that you will be able to plan for Assemblies, Parents' Evenings and Christmas performances. I have been informed that our Christmas Bazaar is amazing. Dance Club, Ball Skills and Spanish Club will commence this week. Jazz Club will commence on Friday 21st September. We are currently reviewing the clubs that we offer and I am hoping to introduce some new clubs in the near future across all year groups. Thank you for all your suggestions which we have been delighted to receive. I will be taking these to Governors.

Thank you for sending the girls back with such a high standard of uniform. Please could I request that you send in a spare pair of knickers and socks for your child/ren to be kept in their PE bag in the event of an accident, I am aware that some of you have already done so. Thank you.

I am also hoping to send out a questionnaire regarding different aspects of school life. I hope you will be able to complete it and share your thoughts about our school with me. This

avenue will allow us to collate all parental views. Working in partnership is so important and I am delighted with the number of parents who have offered to come in and help by reading, cooking and supporting on trips. I will be taking you up on these offers in the coming weeks.

There will be a second hand uniform sale on Friday 21st September from 3.15pm run by the PA. I would also like to ask parents to donate cakes on that Friday too so that a cake sale can run alongside. If you would like to donate uniform please feel free and hand into the school office by Thursday 20th September at the latest on this occasion. If you would like to donate cakes, please send them in with your child on the morning of Friday 21st. All monies raised will go to the PA fund which supports the school so generously. Thank you in advance. (Please also see PA newsletter for further details.)

I would like to bring to your attention and raise awareness that as a school we are supporting 100% a Nut free environment. We have some children and staff with allergies and we need to ensure their safety. Please adhere to this and give due consideration with regard to your daughters' packed lunch. Thank you.

Here are some of the comments I have collected during the lunchtimes from the different year groups that you might enjoy.

Prep 4, 'We are all working hard together. We are being pushed and we are very happy'.

Prep 3, 'School is fun, exciting and we are happy'.

Prep 2, 'We think it is so fun now and we are following our Mission Statement. We are happy'.

Prep 1, 'It is very, very good and it is fun and exciting'.

Infants 3, 'We are really happy and excited about our teacher and class but some of us are missing our summer holidays'.

Infants 2, 'We are happy and we love our class and playing with our friends. We love meeting Oscar the Owl'.

Infants 1, 'We like school. We love going outside and we have lots of friends. We are happy'.

Nursery, 'In the Nursery we like playing in the garden, playing with and in the sand and water. We like the playdough and love coming to Nursery'.

God Bless you all and your Families

Mrs S Birtles
Headteacher

