**January/February Newsletter 2023**

We come to the end of the first month of the new calendar year here at St. Joseph’s NS and can reflect on a great first month back!

**Catholic Schools Week**

**We celebrated Catholic Schools Week where the theme for this year is ‘Catholic Schools: Walking Together in Faith and Love’. We had a fantastic day on Wednesday 25th January where we were delighted to welcome Grandparents to the school for a prayer service and entertainment from each of the class groups. Fr Declan kindly led the beautiful prayer service and tea, coffee and chat was enjoyed by all afterwards. Each class also celebrated this Catholic Schools Week with activities during RE time daily.**

**Safer Internet Day**

**Internet Safety Day will take place on Tuesday 7th February. Children have already experienced a valuable talk about this topic in school earlier this month.**

**Afterschool Activities**

**Lego Club and Illustration Club are being enjoyed weekly as part of our afterschool programme on offer here at St Joseph’s, Mulhussey. The children are really enjoying themselves and speak highly of these activities.**

**Medication**

It is the responsibility of parents to ensure that the medication left in school for their child is in date. Staff can only administer medication to a child who had been prescribed that medication. Siblings can not share medication. This includes inhalers.

**Fire Drill**

**We will have our second whole school fire safety drill on Friday 10th February.**

**Bad weather (ice)**

It is not always possible for staff to put salt on the yard or carpark so parents should be careful when walking the children to their line in the morning.

**Pencil Cases**

At this stage of the year, children have either lost or used most of the stationary supplies that they had at the start of the year. Can you please ensure that your child has a pencil case with the following (as appropriate): pencils, erasers, pencil sharpener, red pens, handwriting pens, colouring pencils/crayons/markers.

**School Museum**

We are always interested in adding new artefacts to our school museum in our school library. Please consider donating objects you come across at home that might be of interest to the children.

**Lunchboxes**

We have a healthy eating policy in our school. Please cut grapes in half to avoid choking hazards. Please be aware that our school is a nut-free zone.

**St. Brigid’s Day Crosses**

A local lady, Delia, made a number of St. Brigid’s Crosses to raise funds for the charity ‘Jack and Jill’. Thank you to all who donated.

**Change to our school calendar**

The school will be closed on Tuesday 7th February for Primary Language Curriculum training day.

**Dates for Your Diary**

**Peace Proms Sunday 5th February**

**PLC training day: school closed Tuesday 7th February**

Midterm Break: 13th – 17th February

Confirmation: 24th March

First Holy Communion: 6th May

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