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Welcome

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Welcome to a new year at St. John the Baptist Primary school, we hope that you and your child will enjoy the time spent with us.

The teaching staff are:

Marie O'Shea	Principal	P4-5
Edel Brown	SENCO	P6-7
Aisling Sinclair		P1—P3

Our aim is to provide a happy and secure environment where your child will develop socially, emotionally, physically and intellectually.

We hope that you feel that you can come and speak to us regarding your child's needs.

Teachers are available by appointment on Monday Afternoons after school.

Appointments can be made through the school office.

LEARNING...SUCCESS...ACHIEVEMENT

Settling In

The School staff are sensitive to the emotional bond between parent and child. To enable children to separate from the parent we introduce them to school gradually.

New children will be phased into School over a number of months. P1 children will be collected from school at 12.30pm until **Halloween**

After that they will stay at school until **2pm**.

Year 2 & Year 3 children finish school at 2pm.

It is very important that the children are collected promptly at these times so as to release teachers for other duties.

We look forward to your support during this time.



School Hours

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School hours are from
9.00 a.m. - 2.45 p.m.

*Regular attendance is essential if
your child is to benefit fully from
Primary School Education and
reach his/her potential.*

***Please bring your child
ON TIME every day.***

Collection time

Children should be collected
between 2.50 - 3.00 p.m.

Children must be picked up
promptly and by an **adult** they
know.

*Parents should inform School staff
if they are to be picked up by a
different person on any given day*

Pupil Sign Out

Parents must sign a log book in
office to remove and return a child
to and from school during school
hours.

BUSES

Transport application
must be made online
through the EA
website:
[www.eani.org.uk/
checktransport](http://www.eani.org.uk/checktransport)

If you have arranged
alternative transport
provision for your
child to be collected
from school, It is
important that the
school is made aware
in writing of the
arrangements to
ensure the safe
handover of all
children.



School Activities

As well as the normal school activities we are also involved in a range of additional programmes throughout the year. They include:

Football (P5-P7) All year

Swimming (P5- P7) Spring Term

After Schools (P4—P7)

- *Garden Club*
- *Film Club*
- *Sticky Spoons (Cookery)*
- *Fun & Fitness*
- *Sticky Fingers (Art & Crafts)*

Junk Materials



We appreciate donations of used kitchen roll, egg boxes, old cereal boxes, wool, fabric, newspapers and lolly sticks for art and craft activities.

Homework—School Link

In St John the Baptist we use the 'Seesaw' digital platform to share with you what the children are learning in school. You will be able to see pictures of their activities throughout the day.

We also use it as a tool for you to share the children's homework with the teacher each day. The children use the 'Seesaw Class' app for this.



STUDENTS use the **Seesaw CLASS** app to complete activities assigned by their teacher.



PARENTS use the **Seesaw FAMILY** app to connect to their student's Seesaw account, view completed activities, and communicate with the teacher.



Each year we set up a new class group. You need to download the 'Seesaw Family app' to your phone.

You will be given a QR code to connect to your child's journal.



Breaktime Snack

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The school is part of the Smart Snacks initiative and encourage children to have a variety of nutritious snacks each week.

We would suggest:

Fresh fruit
Yoghurt
Sandwiches
Pancakes
Crackers
Juice drinks

If your child has any food allergies or special conditions we need to be aware of please inform the School staff.

School Dinners

School dinners are available and should be ordered at the start of each week.

If you have a child who would like to take dinner on just one day in the week we would ask that that is also ordered on a **Monday** to aid Kitchen staff.

We ask that this money be paid on **Mondays**.

Total cost £13.00 per child per week or £2.60 per day.

You may also choose to pay monthly. Details of amount are available from the office on request.

Milk is available also. Can be paid monthly or for the year. Details in office.

Free School Meals Online Application:

<https://www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals>. The Helpdesk can be contacted via email: mealsanduniform@eani.org.uk. The telephone number for all enquiries is: (028) 9041 8044.

Illness & Absence

If your child is absent from school it is important that you contact the school before 9.30am on the day and a note is sent into the school upon return for attendance records.

If for any reason e.g medical appointment your child will be arriving late to school we would ask that you contact the school before 9.30am with details. This will assist us in preparing numbers for dinners etc.

Medicines

Parents are advised that School Staff can **NOT** take responsibility for the issuing of any medicines to children at school.

Children must either be able to self medicate e.g. Asthma pumps etc., or a parent or guardian must make arrangements to give the child the medication when required.



ILLNESS



feeling unwell should not be sent to School even if they

'want to come'.

Sick children should be kept at home until they have recovered.

It is important that School staff have an up to date telephone number list for each child.

Please include childminder numbers as well.

Golden Rules

- . We are gentle—We don't hurt others
- . We are kind and helpful—we don't hurt anybody's feelings
- . We listen—We don't interrupt
- . We are honest—We don't cover up the truth
- . We work hard—We don't waste our own or others' time
- . We look after property—we don't waste or damage things

We would ask the support of all parents in helping us manage your child's behaviour in school.

UNIFORM

- Navy Blue Trousers/Skirt
- Navy Summer dress / Summer Shorts
 - White shirt
 - Red tie (elasticated)
 - Navy sweatshirt
 - Navy PE Shorts
 - White Polo shirt

The School sweatshirt is available in

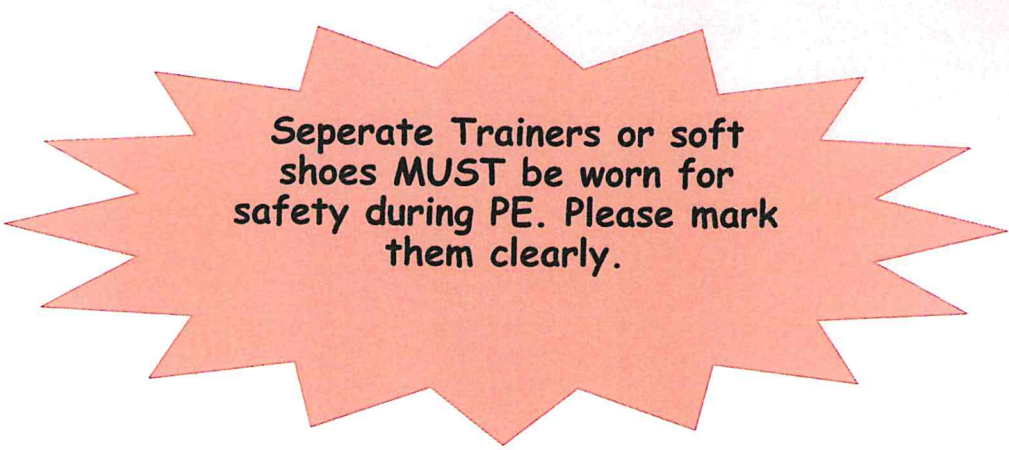
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**School Trends and Tesco online through
www.myclothing.com**

Miss B's Clothing Main Street, Belleek

Please put names on all items of clothing.

Coats should be worn on cold days for outdoor play.



**Seperate Trainers or soft
shoes MUST be worn for
safety during PE. Please mark
them clearly.**

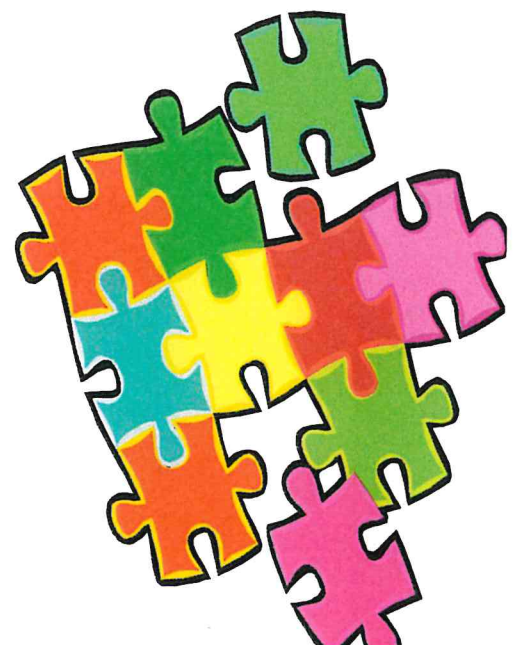
School Fund

**The sum of £25 per year will be collected per Family to
go towards school trips, resources and other treats.**

NEW PARENTS

Preparing your child for School

- ☺ Encourage your child to paint, draw and use scissors.
- ☺ Sing songs, jingles and say Nursery rhymes.
- ☺ Read books and talk about the pictures.
- ☺ Teach your child to use the toilet properly, to flush and wash their hands after use.
- ☺ Encourage your child to dress and undress by themselves.
- ☺ Mark all belongings with your child's name.
- ☺ Praise and encourage your child when tidying up their belongings.



Reading with your child

Shared Reading

We share books with children for many reasons: enjoying stories together, linking with personal experiences, developing imagination and language, learning about books. Listening to stories being read and re-read helps children to gain insights into meaning and story structure.

'Shared Reading' has become a recognised strategy for teaching reading in which pupils and teacher read a text together with a focus on a specific aspect.

Through experiencing a variety of texts, fiction and non-fiction, children will become aware of the range of strategies required when reading for different purposes.

Throughout the year you will receive home a range of texts to share and read with your child which will include story books, information books and on occasions story sacks linked to the topics being worked on. Please try and spend some time each day reading with and to your child.

Are you a member of the Library?

A mobile library visits this area on Wednesday and Saturday.

Why not join with your child.



Learning through Play

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Lots of your child's learning when they first come to school is done through play.

They will work through a range of topics which are well-planned and challenging. You

may be asked to contribute to

this learning through little activities at home. There will also be opportunities for Self-initiated play. This helps children to understand and learn about themselves and their



surroundings.

They will also play Outdoors.

When they are outdoors, young children play in one of the best possible environments for development and learning.

Outdoor play provides a wealth of challenging opportunities and is central to young children's learning. Children are able to experience joy and excitement

as they learn new skills and make fresh discoveries.



School Closings 2021/22

Halloween
25th October–29th November

Christmas Holidays
23rd December–5th January

Mid Term
14th February–18th February

St. Patrick's
17th–18th March

Easter Holidays
14th April–22nd April

Bank Holidays
2nd May
2nd–6th June

Summer Holidays
1st July

(All these holiday dates are inclusive)

Notes

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