**Board of Management of St. Joseph’s National School Agreed Report 17/5/’23**

**The following is the Agreed Report following a Board of Management meeting held on Wednesday 17th May 2023**

* Minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.
* SNA Maternity Leave interviews to take place in next few weeks.
* Bus Escort position to be filled also for September
* 3 pupils have been enrolled for Junior Infants for September.
* 1 place is available in the Reach Centre for September and has yet to be filled
* Staff Allocation for Sept as follows;

Junior/Senior Infants and 1st-Ms Beadnall

2nd 3rd-Ms Bermingham

4th 5th 6th-Ms Martin

SET-Mr Foy/Ms Hanevy

Junior Reach-Mrs Christie

Senior Reach-Mrs Fox

* The recently announced new Free Primary schoolbooks scheme will provide free schoolbooks for all children in primary schools and special schools. This scheme will include all schoolbooks,workbooks and copybooks. Administration grant allocated to schools for setting this up.
* Cumann na mBunscol: our school are through to the Division 6 final in Cusack Park on Wed 24th May. Board of Management will buy socks for the team. Thanks to Anthony Healy of Healy Kitchens for sponsoring gear bags and t shirts for the team.
* Junior School tour on Thurs 22nd June to Tearaways Pet Farm. Senior Tour to Birr Adventure Centre on Wed 31st May.
* NCSE has announced SNA allocations for next year and our allocation will remain unchanged. ie 5 SNAs in Reach Centre ( 3 full day 2 Infant day) .5 SNA post in mainstream.
* We are delighted with our new outdoor Classroomand polytunnel and express sincere thanks to MTP tidy Towns for their work and support in funding and organising this project. Thank you also to Ms Bermingham who worked in collaboration with the Tidy Towns on this project.
* First Holy Communion was held on Sat 13th May. Thanks to the Parents Association for providing refreshments in the school afterwards.
* 5th 6th class raised €752 at their recent Bake Sale. These funds will go towards purchasing a climbing wall frame. Also €809 was raised on Daffodil Day at our school this year.
* Tennis Lessons have begun and are running for 6 weeks.
* 5th class have been invited to an Activity Day in Rochfortbridge Secondary school on Thursday 25th May.
* Our school has been allocated a free Bike Rack and shelter by An Taisce Green Schools. To be installed over the summer.
* School reopens for pupils on Wed 30th August.
* This was our first year to take part in the new NIPT Droichead process and we congratulate Mrs Fox on successfully completing the Induction Programme under the team of Ms Bermingham and Ms Martin.
* Full school day closure was held on tues 4th May to facilitate teacher training in the Primary Language Curriculum.
* Half Day closure takes place on Fri 9th June to facilitate a review of the Primary Curriculum Framework.
* Mr Foy has set up a Green Schools committee and they are working towards a Biodiversity Flag for the school.
* Ms Bermingham is overseeing the July Provision programme this year and 2 classes will run for 2 weeks.
* Standardised testing is ongoing this week.
* The following grants were received: Covid 19 Combined Cleaning and PPE €2746/ School Books €6336/ Ancillary Grant €7612/ Minor Works €7331.

Yours sincerely

Pauline O’Hara

Secretary Board of Management