



St Joseph's Primary School

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Parent Update

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Contact Details

It is extremely important that parents notify the school if any of your contact details change. If you change address, phone number or email address, it is your responsibility to notify the school office immediately so we can update our records. If you have changed any of these details since September, please let us know. Contact the office at stjoesps@gmail.com

Midterm Break

School will be closed for our February midterm break next week (Monday 9th – Friday 13th February inclusive). We hope you all have a very restful break.

Safer Internet Day

Yesterday we marked Safer Internet Day 2026. Pupils took part in online workshops and assemblies and our Digital Leaders shared some very important online safety tips and guidance. A **Parent Workshop**, led by the PSNI has held in the hall yesterday evening. Many thanks to Mr Wright and our Digital Leaders for organising all of the events and sharing these increasingly important messages with our school community.

Crossing Patrol Person

The EA are advertising once again for a Crossing Patrol Person on Holland Drive. The application portal closes this Friday 6th February and can be found [here](#).

Parking on Holland Drive

Parking on Holland Drive continues to be a cause for concern for the school. Unfortunately, the most significant issues are as a result of the carelessness and thoughtlessness of members of our school community. I have witnessed parents parking across driveways, knocking cones out of the way and parking on double yellow lines in recent weeks. We also have several parents who continue to **'stop and drop'** right at the front entrance. This is an extremely dangerous practice, and it must stop. Please be aware that there are cameras positioned at the front of the school and the PSNI will continue to be a visible presence at the Holland Drive entrance in the weeks ahead.

Bring & Buy Sale

The Trocaire Bring and Buy Sale will take place on Thursday 19th February. This is always an extremely well supported event and raises lots of money for the Trocaire charity. It's a great opportunity for a bit of a Spring Clean during the break. P7 will host the event and are collecting toys, books, games etc that need a new home!

Key Dates for Term 2

Dates	Description
Wednesday 4 th February	Online Safety Workshop for Parents @ 5pm
Monday 9 th – Friday 13 th Feb	Mid Term Break
Monday 16 th February	Start of Term 2.2
Thursday 19 th February	Trócaire Bring and Buy Sale
Sunday 1 st March	Peace Proms SSE
Tuesday 3 rd March	Confirmation Day 3pm
Thursday 5 th March	First Confession @ 1pm
Friday 6 th March	World Book Day
Tuesday 17 th March	St Patrick's Day – School closed
Thursday 19 th March	Class Photos and Mop Up
Friday 27 th March	Talent Show
Thursday 2 nd April	11.45 finish P1 – P3 & 12 noon finish for P4 – P7

Kind regards
Mr C Donnelly

'We all matter, we all belong, we all try to do our best.'