



Dear Parents, Guardians and friends of St. Joseph's,

Our first half term is over already- it's hard to believe! We hope you all have a lovely Halloween break. Boys and Girls-remember to keep safe in the holidays-stay away from fireworks and only hold sparklers if you are with an adult and you are wearing gloves!

### Sacramental Programme

Please find below the dates we have so far for the sacramental programme this year as agreed with the Parish. Please note.

#### **P3 Sacrament of Penance (First Confession)**



19 Jan 6.30pm Parent meeting in parish centre

05 Feb 11am Enrolment service in church

TBC Sacrament of First Penance

#### **P4 Sacrament of First Holy Communion**



23 Feb 6.30pm Parent meeting in Parish Centre

26 Feb 11am Enrolment Service in church

From 05 March onward, Special Sunday masses for First Communion children 11am in the church

06 May 11am First Communion

#### **P7 Confirmation**



26 January 6.30pm Parent meeting in Parish Centre

29 Jan 11am Commitment Service in Church

Service of Light, Confirmation dates all to be confirmed.

01 June 7pm Pledge Mass in St. Joseph's Church

### EXTENDED SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

Our programme is now up and running with opportunities for swimming, judo, clayrazy, gaelic and soccer after the break. Mr Lavery is coordinating

after schools clubs- please speak to him if you have any questions. We will keep you posted as each club becomes available unfortunately places can be limited and we are trying to involve as many year groups as we can. Sometimes this means we have to allocate on a first come first served basis. Please watch your text messages!

### WRAPAROUND CARE

Wraparound care is still operating for morning and afternoon sessions- please see below for details. Children can bring in fees or these can be paid at the school office.

8:00-8:30 Breakfast time £1

8:30-8:55 Morning Games Club £1

2:00-3:00 P1 and 2 Youth Club £1

3:00-4:00 P1-7 Youth club £1

4:00-5:30 Games/Wind down/Homework £4

Parents can select any and all times that suit their needs- please speak to the office if you have any questions. Wraparound will operate over Halloween if required. Please book at the school office in advance or we cannot guarantee places.

### PTA

Thank you to all who attended the PTA meeting. The PTA held a fireside quiz on Harry Potter as part of our Super Learning Day- thank you to all of the families and friends who took part! The PTA are planning lots of Christmas activities and events and all help would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the school office if you can give us some of your time and would like to be involved. The next meeting is on Tuesday 29 November at 6pm in school.

### PARENT MEETINGS

Thank you to all parents who attended the parent teacher meetings. If you were unable to attend, teachers will be pleased to accommodate you- please contact the school office to arrange an appointment.

## SHARED EDUCATION

Congratulations to P.6 who will be finishing their shared programme on their topic Titanic with the P.6 class from Greystone Primary School in the first week back after the break. They will have a 'Walking Debate' on whose fault it was that the Titanic sank! Primary 3 will be starting their shared programme on Celebrations on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November and we hope they have a lovely learning experience!

## SCHOOL NEWS

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Fr. Conor. He was a wonderful chaplain to the school, knew all of the children and was an important part of many of our school celebrations. We wish him all the best of luck in his new parish and will see him for a special assembly with the children before Christmas. We will let you know the date and parents will be welcome to attend.

Congratulations to our sporting teams who have been taking part in competitions, promotional events and blitzes. See below for details:



The Football Team were formally presented with their new kit at an event in the credit union and were treated to a party to celebrate Credit Union day.



The cross country team took part in the Active

Antrim Challenge with 320 other children from local schools- well done to everyone, especially Corey who came 10<sup>th</sup>!

A massive well done to our new P2, P3 and P4 Football team who took part in their first ever tournament



where all the teams were presented with medals! They won one of their matches 19-0!



Well done also to our Gaelic team who have also taken part in their first blitz of the year and will have another in November- they will be winning competitions in no time!

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



**Monday 31 October –Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November-** School closed for half term, reopens on Monday 7 November for all pupils.

**Thursday 10 November 7pm -** Meeting for all P1-P2 parents interested in supporting maths learning with their children. Hosted by Timothy Doyle.



**Wednesday 30 November –** Open night for prospective P1 Parents (Sep 2017 admission)

**Friday 2 December-** Atifact theatre coming to present Jolly Grimm Tales for the children.

**Tues 6 December-** PTA Christmas Movie Night, details to be confirmed.

**Wednesday 7 December-** Whole school to Pantomime in the Waterfront- late return to school, details to be confirmed.

**Friday 9 December -** Children's Christmas Dinner

Please see the school website for any additional diary dates.

