



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

It is hard to believe our first half term has arrived and we have been very busy already! We hope you have a lovely Halloween break!

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

The Sacramental Programme has been agreed with the parish and is as follows-

P3 Sacrament of Penance (First Confession)



16 Jan 2020 6.30pm Parent meeting in parish centre

2 Feb 2020 11am Enrolment service in church

24 March 2020 at 1.30 Sacrament of First Penance. Children will be collected from school at 12.00 and should come to the church with their parents.

P4 Sacrament of First Holy Communion

14 Nov 2019 6.30pm Parent meeting in Parish Centre



24 Nov 2019 11am Enrolment Service in church

3rd Sunday of each month after enrolment, Special Sunday masses for First Communion children 11am in the church

13-14 May Confession before the Sacrament, 6-7pm in St Joseph's Church

16 May 11am First Communion

Sunday 14 June 11am Corpus Christi Mass – Children to attend in First Communion outfits

P7 Confirmation

23 Jan 2020 6.30pm Parent meeting in Parish Centre



9 Feb 2020 11am Commitment Service in Church

Further details to follow when dates received from the parish office.

SHARED EDUCATION

Congratulations to P6 who completed work on their topic Titanic and shared their learning with their parents at the celebration event in Greystone last Wednesday! They did a lovely drama and gave the audience lots of information about the Titanic disaster. P3 will be exploring their topic of Celebrations next!



MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER

Ten members of our choir will join with the other Antrim and Randalstown schools to perform at the annual Council Carol Service in the Antrim Forum on Saturday 7th December at 11am. All welcome to attend.

OPEN NIGHT FOR 2020 ADMISSIONS

We will be having our open night for new parents/P1 pupils on Thursday 28th November from 7-8.30. All are welcome to tour the school, see our children in action and to speak to members of the PTA on the tour to find out what life in St Joseph's is like for our families. If you know anyone who needs a school place for P1 next September, let them know they will receive a warm welcome.

PTA

Many thanks to the PTA and all volunteers who helped to bag pack in Asda in September. We raised just over £700!

Welcome to all our new members and remember you can join any time. The next meeting is 19th November at 6pm.

FLU VACCINE

The Public Health Agency will be administering the flu vaccine for all children P1-P7. This will happen on Thursday 28th November 2019. Consent forms have been given out and should be returned to school as the nursing service are clear that any child who does not have a signed consent form **WILL NOT** receive the vaccine at school. Please contact the office if you did not get a form!

COMMUNICATIONS

All classes have sent out invitations for you to sign up for the Seesaw App. If you haven't already done so, please download the app to receive instant information about your child in class. If you need any help installing the app, please speak to the class teacher.

Many thanks to all who attended out Parent - Teacher meetings and curriculum meetings earlier in the term. We hope you found them informative.

Many thanks to all who stopped in for a cuppa at the Parenting NI Halloween café. The café will run between St Joseph's and Greystone all year around and you are most welcome to attend.

GOOD NEWS rtreacy776@c2kni.net



Well done to Kaelan, Callum and Nickolas who played brilliantly in an under 8 Blitz at St Comgall's Gaelic club. Great job!!



A huge well done to Lucas who has represented St

Joseph's at the Inter-school Show Jumping competition at the Meadows Equestrian Centre ! It's a 6 week league and he's jumped clear in the first 2 weeks so all the best of luck Lucas !!



Congratulations to our school families who have had new arrivals over the last few months- Filip in P7



who has a new baby brother, Giuseppe

P4, Rosey P3, Lizzy P3 and Anabella-

Rose P2 who have a new baby brother, Aurora-Isabella who has a baby sister and Deon P4 and Logan P3 who have a baby sister!

Well done to Cassidy and our P6 girls who organised a raffle for Action Cancer.



Congratulations to all of our pupils who took part in the Cross Country competition- we are very proud of you!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please look out for our regular texts for reminders and notifications of new events as the term progresses.

Wednesday 23rd October Halloween Disco- PTA P1-P3 6pm-7pm, P4-P7 7.15-8.15pm Entry and treat bag £2.

Friday 25 October Harry Potter Super Learning Day- come dressed as magical folk or muggles!

Monday 28 October- Friday 1 November School closed for Halloween Holidays



Have a very safe Halloween, remember to wear gloves for sparklers and stay away from fireworks!

Friday 15th November Whole school Christmas Pantomime- Aladdin £2 per person, family of 3 or more £5.

Tuesday 19th November PTA meeting 6pm, all welcome.

Thursday 28 November Flu Vaccine

Thursday 28 November Open Night 7pm-8.30pm

Wednesday 4 December Children's Christmas Dinner

Tuesday 10 December 11.00am P1-P3 Christmas Play in the Parish Centre

Monday 16 December 11.15 Choir singing in Asda

Tuesday 17 December 12.30 Children finish early for Carol Service

Tuesday 17 December 7pm P4-P7 Carol Service in the Church

Wednesday 18 December 8am-10am PTA Christmas Breakfast

Friday 20 December 12.30 School closes for Christmas holidays

Tuesday 7 January 2020 School reopens.

