



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

Thank you for attending all of our Christmas events and shows, we really appreciate your support! We look forward to seeing you all at the Carol Service on Tuesday 19th at 10.00 after mass in the church!

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

Please find below the dates we have so far for the sacramental programme this year as agreed with the Parish. These will be in every newsletter for your information and any changes will be sent immediately by text.

P3 Sacrament of Penance (First Confession)



17 Jan 2019 6.30pm Parent meeting in parish centre

3 Feb 2019 11am Enrolment service in church

9 April 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

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



04 May 11am First Communion

Sunday 23rd June 11am Corpus Christi Mass – Children to attend in First Communion outfits

P7 Confirmation

24 Jan 2019 6.30pm Parent meeting in Parish Centre



27 Jan 2019 11am Commitment Service in Church

19 March 2019 7pm Service of Light in the Church

3 April 2019 12 noon Confirmation

9 May All day P7 Retreat day and Pledge Mass

WORKING TOGETHER- MFT

Well done to our boys and girls from the choir who attended the Antrim and Newtownabbey Council Carol service in the Antrim Forum. We sang together with other schools from Antrim and Randalstown in the Moving Forward Together Choir and it was lovely to hear the children sing together in one voice!



WRAPAROUND CARE

Please contact the school office and book a place if you require it for Christmas. As usual, if there are not enough children to run on any particular day we will not be able to operate.

PTA

The PTA raffle is underway! Please support us by buying a ticket and give yourself the chance of winning an amazing selection of prizes! You are also invited to attend the Big Breakfast for bacon butties, cereals, croissants and even hot chocolate! Breakfast is £2 per child and £4 per adult payable at the door. The PTA raffle will be drawn on the morning.

SHARED EDUCATION

Primary 3 classes have been enjoying their topic-Celebrations. They had a session to show off their learning to parents on Friday 14th December. They are still talking about their chocolate workshop and year group party which they planned and prepared for themselves! Well done P3! P5 are looking forward to their shared topic next term!

RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS

The Article 12 Society have had their first meetings and are working hard with Mr McGinley to discuss aspects of the school that affect them including arranging awards for classes collecting the most tokens!

GOOD NEWS rtreacy776@c2kni.net



A big congratulations to Reena, who won a trophy and 6 medals and Alana, who won a trophy and 5 medals at their last Irish Dancing feis, keep it up girls!!

CHARITY FUNDRAISING

A sincere thank you to all who contributed to our collection for the local foodbank and St Vincent de Paul this Christmas. At this time of the year it is fantastic for the children to be able to help anyone in need.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please look out for our regular texts for reminders and notifications of new events .

Tuesday 18 December – P4 Carol Service 10.00 in St Joseph’s Church All families are welcome to attend this special celebration.

Wednesday 19th December – The PTA Breakfast in the school canteen. Come along with the family for a Christmas breakfast! Breakfast is £2 per child and £4 per adult. This is also elf day! Children should come to school dressed in their best festive costumes- elves, santas, reindeer and Christmas jumpers are all very welcome! Children will have the opportunity to visit our special guest during the day!



Wednesday 19th December- The choir will be singing at Asda- please note: the time is 11.00am-11.40 am to allow time for Breakfast first! They are in such demand they will then be going over to Starbucks after Asda to entertain you while you have a cuppa, all parents welcome!



Friday 21 December 12.00 finish for Christmas holidays, no dinner is available on this day. Children return on **Monday 7th January 2018**



We hope you have a very safe, happy and holy Christmas and a wonderful New Year!

Christmas Gallery: Wriggly Nativity, Ralph the Reindeer, Elf!



