

# St Joseph's Primary School

## Newsletter - Jan 2016



*On behalf of The Board of Governors and staff I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year. We look forward together to what we hope will be an exciting and successful 2016.*

Mr Gallagher.

### **Dates for your Diary**

- Mon 11<sup>th</sup> -After School Clubs  
-Primary Six 'Linen Centre'  
-PTA AGM at 7.30pm
- Tues 12<sup>th</sup> -Primary one Technology Day  
Wed 13<sup>th</sup> -Primary two Technology Day  
-Primary Six Pottery  
-Closing date at 12noon for P1 applications 2016.
- Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> -Primary Three Technology Day  
-confirmation Meeting at 7pm
- Fri 15<sup>th</sup> -Primary Four Technology Day
- Mon 18<sup>th</sup> -Primary Five Technology Day  
Tues 19<sup>th</sup> -Primary Six Technology Day  
Wed 20<sup>th</sup> -Primary Seven Technology Day  
-Primary Seven Athletics  
-Primary Six Pottery Workshop
- Mon 25<sup>th</sup> -Primary Five Felt/Paper Making  
Wed 27<sup>th</sup> -Primary Five Felt/Paper Making  
-Primary Six Pottery Workshop
- Fri 29<sup>th</sup> -Olympic Handball Tournament  
Sat 30<sup>th</sup> -Transfer results
- Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Feb -Primary Three Weather Workshop  
Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb-Primary Three Weather Workshop  
Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Feb -Confirmation

Thank you for all your generous donations to the homeless appeal. Packs were personally delivered on Christmas Eve to some very needy people in Belfast.

### **Thank you for all your support at Christmas**

The Carol Service and Junior Concerts were amazing. The children were a credit to you and our school.

We raised £4000 for our charities; our motto 'We care so we share' certainly does live on.

### **Watch out for our monthly focus – HOMEWORK!**

We will send home a short questionnaire to try to make this more manageable for busy working parents.

### **Uniform**

Please, please write your child's name clearly on each item of uniform particularly jumpers, ties and school coats so that these items can be returned to appropriate class if found around the school.

The yellow 'Lost Property' bin sits at the main Reception area. Please check, or send your child to check if any item has been 'lost' as this is where items are placed if they are not returned to their owner on the day they are found.



Remember – school uniform includes balck shoes, not trainers!

### **The Laneway in Mornings**

There have been a few near misses with parents dropping off and staff arriving from 8am in the mornings. For the safety of all – the laneway is **staff entrance only**. Parents dropping off from 8am **must** do so either at the top of the lane or at the back car-park from now on.

**Junior concert DVD's are available this week and will be sent home.**

### **I pads**

Thank you to the PTA who have bought us 15 new I pads. Staff will undertake training to get the most up to date apps for your children's learning.

**Our Annual Report to the Board of Governors is now available for parents. If you would like a copy please collect this from the Office.**

## ***World Around Us in St. Joseph's***

Next week 11<sup>th</sup> January until the end of January all classes will be learning about their local environment and the city of Lisburn.

- All classes will visit a local area and complete associated class work, homework and ICT work.
- All classes will take part in a series of technology / science workshops where our staff will work with the staff from the Linen Centre to design, build / test models and carry out fair tests. To give you a taste of what your child will be doing we have listed some activities below.
- In term three we will hold our 'Science Week'.
- We are still gathering a list of volunteer parents / grandparents for 'Our School in Bloom' project starting in March / April. Miss McAnearney has organised a delivery of beautiful trees and shrubs. Thank you to those who have already put their names forward.
- Thank you to those who have offered to come in and give talks – teachers will be in touch shortly.

Class	Some activities
P1	Build a wall for Humpty and make a coat for teddy to keep him dry.
P2	Make a standing bed and a parachute for Jack to get down the beanstalk.
P3	Make a balloon racing car and paper windmill.
P4	Make a wind socket, a kite and a variety of musical instruments.
P5	Make toys from trash and make felt / paper.
P6	Build a one metre structure to support weight and make a vehicle to carry a cream egg.
P7	Make a marble run and a variety of parachutes, gliders and gyrocopters.

## ***The Arts in St. Joseph's Drama Training***

All teachers and assistants took part in drama training on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January. This was a very worthwhile day and your child will benefit from all the games and activities we learned.

## **Music**

We have bought a new music package that teachers will be using in class. Your children will be creating, listening and composing.

Primary Seven children will be using the BBC Ten Pieces package which you can view online. Primary Six will continue with the recorder. Primary Five will begin recorder this year. Primary Four will begin two terms of tin whistle with Mrs McGilligan beginning Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January.

## ***Clay Workshops***

All children from Primary One to Primary Seven are taking part in clay workshops this year.

**Primary Six will be going in January / February.**

**Primary Seven will be going in February / March.**

**Primary Five March and April.**

The very talented Therese Gorman leads the workshops and all children get to take home their clay piece. Therese teaches the children to manipulate, join and sculpt the clay. The children get to view the kiln and pottery wheel in action. Therese takes the children on an art tour of the Island Centre once their workshop is finished. The cost of these workshops is £6 for three weeks.

## ***New After School Dance Club***

Rebecca Lenoard (well know Northern Irish Choreographer) will be offering Modern Dance classes in Jazz and Lyrical.

These are suitable for boys and girls and after watching our male dancers in the P5 Nativity Play, Rebecca is hopeful to have a few boys in the class. Rebecca is the choreographer for many shows professional and non-professional in 'The Grand Opera House' and 'National Concert Hall Dublin' to name but a few. She is qualified in ballet, tap, jazz and modern and is highly experienced at working with children. We are delighted that she will offer an after school club in St. Joseph's from 3pm – 4pm on a Tuesday for P4-P7 children.

Payment should be sent in a named envelope to Miss Delaney.

There will be six classes starting on 26th January. £24 per child. To book a place in this class you can e mail Miss Delaney.

Email: [cdelaney828@c2k.net](mailto:cdelaney828@c2k.net)

## **Choir Practice**

For this term choir will take place during KS2 release time from 2:15 – 3pm on a Tuesday or Thursday. This means children will not miss crucial numeracy and literacy in their classes and will be working with another teacher at this time. We will still be working on new, ex-

citing choral work but it will be during the school day.

### **Musical Instrument Classes**

Violin, Clarinet, Flute, Guitar and Folk group begin on week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> January.

### **STAFF**

We would like to thank Mrs Angela Mulholland (lunch time supervisor) who has moved on to pastures new. Angela has been with the staff for many years. Good luck Angela.

Welcome

Mrs Tiarna McClinton who has joined the staff. Tiarna will be providing Numeracy support here in St. Joseph's.

Mrs Karen Gribbon who will be providing support to children with English as an Additional Language.

At this time we remember our dear friend Ailish McGrath who passed away almost one year ago. Ailish's anniversary will be marked at 6.30pm Mass in St Patrick's on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January

The staff & pupils will be celebrating Ailish's life when we attend Mass as part of Catholic Schools' Week.

### **Money coming into school this term**

Over the term classes make various visits to sports clubs, pottery classes, etc. We keep the costs to an absolute minimum for parents and feel these activities are superb value.

- P2 - £6 for Pottery Workshops
- P4 -£5 for tin whistle (begins 18<sup>th</sup> January)
- P5 -£6 for Pottery Workshops, £20 for badminton and squash and £4 recorder (£30)
- P6 -£6 for Pottery Workshops
- P7 -£18 for swimming sessions and £6 Pottery Workshops

❖ Money may be paid weekly.

### **BREAK COSTS**

Please remember our break is £2 for each child per week. This includes fruit and milk. Parents can pay for the term or two terms if they wish.

#### **Term 2**

Fruit Only	£10
Milk Only	£10
Both Fruit & Milk	£20

#### **Term 3**

Fruit Only	£13
Milk Only	£13
Both Fruit & Milk	£26

#### **Term 2 & Term 3 Cost**

Fruit Only	£23
Milk Only	£23
Both fruit and milk	£46

### **Primary One PE**

All P1 children should continue to come in dressed for PE on their allocated day.

Primary One (Miss Coleman) Wednesday

Primary One (Miss Delaney) Friday.

### **P7 Transfer**

We will be arranging meetings for parents of all P7's transferring to Post Primary School in September 2016.

Parents of children who did not sit exams will be met during week beginning 25<sup>th</sup> January.

Parents of children who did sit the exams will be met during week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> February – after GL and AQE results, which are due out to homes by post on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January.

### **Reminders**

The deadline for Primary One applications is 12noon on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

### **Lost Property**

Glasses – two pairs of children's glasses found in school. Red and black and purple. Please collect from the office before Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January.

All items in yellow box will go to charity shop on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January.

### **Confirmation**

This year Confirmation will take place on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2016 in St Patrick's Chapel at 11am.

In preparation for Confirmation, there will be a Confirmation Meeting for P7 parents on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm in the Assembly Hall & the Confirmation Service of Light on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm in St Patrick's Chapel.

**\*Communion date change from Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May to Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May.**

### **First Confession Dates**

Primary Three will make their First Confession on 13<sup>th</sup> April after 10.45 am mass.

### **Commitment Service**

A short service will take place in the school on 8<sup>th</sup> March @ 11am. Parents are invited to this event.

**Catholic Schools' Week is 1<sup>st</sup>  
February**

We will run our 'Care and Respect' week this week.

**Active Travel**

Congratulations to the following children who entered the Active travel poster competition and won prizes, which were presented by Pamela from Sustrans before Christmas. Caleb English (P1 Miss Delaney, Ciara Wilkinson (P1 Miss Delaney) and Molly Richardson (P1 Miss Delaney). In P5 the winners were Niamh Wilkinson, Grace Mulholland, Sinead Pye, Dearbhla Lynch, Ella Malloret, and Ryan Walker. The overall winner was Niamh Wilkinson, whose poster has been made into a banner. We will display this banner at the top of the lane so you can all see it from Monday 18th January.

Please continue to try and travel actively to or from school at least once a week. The next incentive is coming soon so watch this space!

**P1 Valentines Day**

We would like to extend an invitation to the parents of our Primary One children to celebrate Valentine's Day on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February from 1 – 2pm

A range of play activities will take place in your child's classroom – including lots of **LOVELY** treats for you to take home! We look forward to seeing you all there.

**Healthy Eating**

After too much turkey and scrumptious treats at Christmas, we continue to try to promote healthy lunches at St. Joseph's as well as Healthy Breaks. Please add this incentive to your New Years resolution list if you feel you could try harder in this area. This term, Mrs Gartland will be promoting Healthy Breakfasts through assemblies and active lessons. More on this to come.



**New St Patrick's Lisburn GAA Notice Board**

Located outside the main entrance beside Lost Property  
Updated regularly!

- Junior football training schedule
  - Junior and Senior upcoming fixtures and recent results.
  - Club events.
- ❖ **Support your local GAA Club St Patrick's Lisburn GAC**

**After School Activities**

Following our After Schools Activities registration evening, we still have a number of places available for various clubs. If you would like your child to attend, please contact all tutors directly.

**Irish Dancing (Monday) –**

Catherine Flanagan – 0708257150 (Term 2 £24)  
**P1-3 (2-3pm)** - 15 places available  
**P4-7 (3-4pm)** – 25 places available

**Dance (Tuesday)–**

Rebecca Leonard – [rebecca-leonard@rebecca-leonard.com](mailto:rebecca.leonard@rebecca-leonard.com)  
[rebecca-leonard@rebecca-leonard.com](mailto:rebecca.leonard@rebecca-leonard.com) (Term 2 £32)  
**P4-7 (3-4pm)** – 20 places available

**Monkeynastix –**

Jim McGuniness – 07751033219 (Term 2 - £27)  
**Tuesday Session** – 5 places available  
**Wednesday Session** – 10 places available

**Soccer –**

Matthew Tipton – 07759451471 (Term 2 £30)  
**P1-3** - 5 places available  
**P4-7** – 10 places available

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