



St. Joseph's Primary School
42 Castle Street
Lisburn
BT274XE

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Friday Note Looking back....

Friday 14 December 2018

No.11

Christmas Bazaar

WOW! What an amazing night! The atmosphere was terrific! Thank you all so much for coming out and supporting this event. We do not have the final totals yet but it looks like the bazaar alone made £2500 and the Christmas ballot raised the same. This could mean a fantastic total of £5000. Thank you so much for your generosity. Our sincere thanks go to Frances Jennings and her PTA team for making the bazaar such a success. Thank you to all our staff here in St. Joseph's who really helped to make it such a special night.

Christmas Dinner

Well...there were lots of full tummies on Wednesday afternoon when over 320 pupils had their Christmas dinner here in school. Louisa and her staff excelled themselves with turkey stuffing, roasties etc! Thank you to Louisa and all the canteen staff for making it so special!

Foundation Stage Christmas Concert

What a lovely concert! Our Primary 1 and Primary 2 pupils were super on the stage! I hope you all enjoyed their performance. Thank you so much for coming along. Thank you to the whole Foundation Stage team for putting it all together.

Successful Grant Application

Thank you so much to Michelle Donnelly (Holly's mummy) for successfully applying for a grant from the Lisburn Community and Safety Partnership for child friendly traffic signs for our car parks and parking areas. Thank you Michelle! Look out for the new signage coming soon.

We are also liaising with Pat Catney, MLA and Lisburn City Council to see if we can use the old SERC car park as a temporary car park at drop off and pick up times to alleviate the traffic concerns around the school. We'll keep you posted!

Parents of Primary 6 Pupils

DENI have issued advice about the transfer process for parents of pupils in Primary 6. Click on the link below. Hard copies will be issued to parents in January 2019.

<https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/publications/advice-parents-children-primary-6>.

Older Children at Play

Play is so important at all ages. Please follow the link to a leaflet about play for older children, pre-teens and teenagers.

<https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/education/hanging-out-older-children-at-play.pdf>

Looking ahead....

Dinner Menu

W/B Monday 17 December 2018 (Week 4).

http://www.stjosephsschool.org/cmsfiles/items/downloads/2018-08-30_8_44_47//Dinner_Menu_2018_Term_1.pdf



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Carol Concert

Next Tuesday we will have our annual Carol Concert in Lisburn's Island Hall. Rehearsals are ongoing and it looks set to be a terrific evening of entertainment.

Primary 1 Admissions September 2019

As you may already know, applications for admission to primary 1 in September 2019 is digital this year. Applications are made online. To help parents with this process we have set up 2 **'Digital Admissions Workshops.'** Parents can come along and we will help you complete your online application and photocopy your birth certificates and supporting documentation. The dates and times of the workshops are as follows:

- **Tuesday 8 January 2019** **4.30pm – 6.30pm**
- **Wednesday 9 January 2019** **9.15am – 11am**

Last Day of Term

Friday 21 December is our last day of term. Staggered collection will be in operation. In order to ensure the safe pick up of pupils from the school on Friday, we will implement the previous arrangements as follows:

- **All P1 – p3 children with no siblings in P4- P7 must be picked up at 11.30am at their normal pick up point**
- **P4 – P7 pupils with siblings must be picked up at 11.45am at their normal pick up points**

What's happening next week?

Monday 17 December 2018	Tuesday 18 December 2018	Wednesday 19 December 2018	Thursday 20 December 2018	Friday 21 December 2018
Primary 1 Maths Development Day Dress rehearsal for Primary 5 nativity & carol concert: All pupils involved in Carol Concert wear all black to school	Primary 1 Maths Development Day Carol Concert in Lisburn's Island Hall at 7pm	Term 2 after school activities registration morning at 8.15am Primary 1 Maths Development Day Choir carol singing in Lisburn town centre at 11am P6 Mrs Gorman's class at showcasing YMCA project work at Largymore PS 3pm – 4pm	P5 – P7 celebrating Christmas Mass in St Patrick's at 10am Choir carol singing in Lisburn town centre at 11.15am P1 visiting Santa in Linen Centre Mrs McManus at 9.30am Miss Hearty at 11am P4 Mrs Connolly visiting Santa in Linen Centre. P6/P7 choir carol singing at Thompson House at 1.30pm	Last day of term 1 Wear your Christmas jumper to school day. No school uniform. Staggered collection from 11.30 (See collection details above)

Have a lovely weekend.
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