



St. Joseph's Primary School
42 Castle Street
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'Being the best that we can be'

Friday Note

15 February 2019

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Looking back....

Love was in the air!!

On Thursday we celebrated St Valentine's Day in style with our Primary 1 classes hosting very special St Valentine's day activities with their mums and dads. What a lovely afternoon.... love was most definitely in the air with hearts, flowers and all things red. Thank you so much to our Primary 1 team for preparing such a special occasion and thank you to our parents who came along. I'm sure you all enjoyed every second of the afternoon.

Athletics News

Congratulations to Anna Broderick and Ella-Rose Watson who took part in the annual Stormont Primary Schools Cross Country at the Billy Neill Centre on Saturday. Anna finished 4th overall whilst Ella-Rose finished 21st. Well done again to both girls. Anna has also been selected for NI Junior Endurance Squad 2019-2020. The Squad brings together a group of Northern Ireland's top junior endurance athletes for regular training sessions. What a fantastic achievement. Well done Anna.

Irish Handball

Eoghan-Rua Rowlands and Joseph McMahon, both P6, travelled to Colaiste Feirste to take part in the Ulster Schools four wall handball competition this week. This was no mean feat for two boys who really only have had some experience of playing one wall. In addition, they faced regular four wall players from strong handball counties. Nevertheless, it was a fantastic experience for these two young Antrim Schools U11 champions who had the opportunity to play in state of the art courts at Colaiste Feirste, something they will remember for a long time.

P4 Evacuee Day:

On Thursday this week our Primary 4 children came to school as little World War 2 evacuees! What wonderful costumes and what fun they had bringing this era to life through writing, drawing and dance! This is such a popular topic with children and the Primary 4 pupils really enjoyed the day!

Charlie's Telepresence Robot:

This week Charlie's robot has had lots of use with Charlie dropping in for lessons on most days. We also had a visit from The Children's Cancer Unit Charity who popped into school to see how the robot was working in the classroom. They got the chance to film the robot being used. It was very exciting for us all.

Cashless System:

Thank you to all of you who responded to our cashless system survey. Over 150 parents responded and the response was overwhelmingly positive with 97% in favour of introducing such a system. We are still investigating a number of providers so we will keep you updated.

Looking ahead....

Mid Term Break: School is closed all of next week for our February mid-term break. We return to school on Monday 25 February. Follow the link below if you are looking for some fun activities to do with your children next week.

<https://www.belfastlive.co.uk/whats-on/family-kids-news/february-half-term-events-kids-14246278>



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Dinner Menu:

When we return to school after mid-term it will be Week 4 (W/B 25/02/19) of the menu. Follow this link for details:

[http://www.stjosephsschool.org/cmsfiles/items/downloads/doclett-20190108223415-9995/St%20Joseph's%20PS%20Lisburn%20Choice%20Menu%20Jan%202019%20\(002\)%20\(1\).pdf](http://www.stjosephsschool.org/cmsfiles/items/downloads/doclett-20190108223415-9995/St%20Joseph's%20PS%20Lisburn%20Choice%20Menu%20Jan%202019%20(002)%20(1).pdf)

Key Dates

Reporting to Parents

Primary 1 – Primary 6 teachers will be reporting to parents in the week beginning Monday 11 March. This is a verbal report; annual written reports will be shared with you in June. Teachers will send one appointment time after the mid-term break. Please note, we will be allocating one appointment per child. As you can imagine, with large classes, it is extremely difficult for teachers to facilitate 2 appointments for children. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Please Note, school will close at 2pm each day that week to facilitate parent consultations. Cool Kids and Homework Club places MUST BE BOOKED in advance. These can be booked with Mrs Noblett from Monday 25 Feb – Friday 1 March between 8am and 8.45am ONLY.

Primary 7 Service of Light	Tuesday 5 March 7pm	Assembly Hall
Primary 3 Commitment Service	Thursday 7 March 9.30am	Assembly Hall
Primary 3 First Confession	Thursday 28 March 10.45am	St Patrick's Church
Primary 4 Breaking of Bread	Wednesday 10 April 9.30am	Assembly hall

What's happening next week?

Monday 25 February 2019	Tuesday 26 February 2019	Wednesday 27 February 2019	Thursday 28 February 2019	Friday 1 March 2019
Mrs Fleming at CCEA P4 Mrs Hanna's class at Lisburn Library Mrs O'Hare: Shared Education Development Day: SUB: Miss Leonard 3pm Healthy Planning Session	Mrs Fleming at CCEA 2.15pm – 4pm Healthy Planning Session for P4 – P7	Mrs Fleming at CCEA Mrs Gould: ICT Tracker Analysis SUB: Miss Teague Pottery P3 Mrs Gould P7 Mrs McCambridge 2.15pm – 4pm Healthy Planning Session for P1 – P3	Mrs Fleming at CCEA Mrs O'Hare: VP Development day SUB: Miss Leonard P6 Soccer at Laurelhill Sports Zone from 1.35pm	Mrs Fleming at CCEA Planner 5 ends P6 Olympic Handball 9.30am – 12.30pm

We hope you have a lovely mid-term break. See you all on Monday 25 February.....Pauline



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