



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

'Being the best that we can be'

Friday Note

22 March 2019

No.19

Remember: We are a nut free zone!

Looking back....

Confirmation Day

What a beautiful day we had yesterday as many of Our Primary 7 pupils received the sacrament of Confirmation. Once again our Primary 7 pupils showed us what amazing ambassadors they are for our school. Their singing, responses and reverence were fantastic. Our school choir and musicians made the service so special. Thank you. As a whole school community we are so proud of our Primary 7 pupils. Please pray for them in the days and weeks ahead.

Thank you sincerely to the parents and grandparents who helped with refreshments afterwards in the Parish Centre.

Hotel Proposal

The Board of Governors will email parents a letter today regarding a proposal for the development of a hotel in the derelict site beside the school on Castle Street. As you can imagine, we are very concerned about this proposal. We would urge you to complete Lisburn and Castlereagh Council's online survey to voice your own concerns. This must be completed **before Friday 12 April**. Thank you for your support.

Cashless System

I am delighted to tell you that we will be introducing a totally cashless system for school in the 3rd term. Initially, this will only be for school payments: trips, dinners, family fund, music etc. We will keep you posted with details in the next few weeks. When we are confident in the system, we will then introduce it for Cool Kids and Homework Club, hopefully in time for our summer scheme.

Family Fund

Thank you to those of you who have donated to our Family Fund so far this year. Our Family Fund is designed to help us buy school essentials like exercise books, text books etc. If you can, please donate £10 per term or £30 per family. We appreciate your donations. Thank you.

Looking ahead....

Primary 6 Transfer meeting: We will hold a meeting for parents of pupils in Primary 6 on Monday 25 March 2019 at 6pm. This meeting will outline the transfer procedure as well as the Primary 7 year. Please come along to see how we will support you and your child through this process.

First Confession: We are looking forward to next Thursday when many of our Primary 3 pupils will make their First Confession. Pupils will go to St Patrick's Church from school in time for the service beginning at 10.45am. Pupils will return to school after the service.

Absence: I want to let you know that I will have a period of absence beginning on Wednesday 27 March. I will be having a hospital procedure that will involve me being off school for approximately 3 weeks. I hope to return to work on or before Wednesday 17 April all being well. In the meantime, Mrs O'Hare will be in charge for this short time.

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Dinner Menu: When we return to school after mid-term it will be Week 4 (W/B 18/03/19) 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

- Primary 3 First Confession Thursday 28 March 10.45am St Patrick's Church
- Primary 4 Breaking of Bread Thursday 11 April 9.30am Assembly Hall
- Mrs Gartland's Parent Assembly Friday 12 April 9.30am Assembly Hall

What's happening next week

Monday 25 March 2019	Tuesday 26 March 2019	Wednesday 27 March 2019	Thursday 28 March 2019	Friday 29 March 2019
<p>Lisburn Community Police: Internet safety Talk for P5 and P6 9.30am – 10am</p> <p>Mrs Connolly SEN Course: Sub: Miss Leonard/Mrs McCambridge</p> <p>Mrs Hanna Literacy Development Day with Harmony Hill PS: SUB: Miss Mulholland</p> <p>3pm: Mathematics: Collegiate Book Discussion</p> <p>Primary 6 Transfer meeting at 6pm in the assembly hall</p>	<p>Primary 7 Love for Life Programme 9.15am – 12.15pm (Assembly hall)</p> <p>Mrs Connolly SEN Annual Reviews: Sub: Miss Leonard/Mrs McCambridge</p> <p>Mrs Hanna Literacy Development Day with Harmony Hill PS: SUB: Miss Mulholland</p> <p>Mrs Connolly's class at Island Arts Centre Workshop (AM)</p> <p>PTA Meeting at 7pm</p>	<p>Mrs Connolly SEN Annual Reviews: Sub: Miss Leonard/Mrs McCambridge</p> <p>Primary 1 at Pottery in Lisburn Arts Centre</p>	<p>FIRST CONFESSION for Primary 3 pupils 10.45am in St. Patrick's Church</p> <p>Mrs Gartland at WA Shared Education Drama Course: SUB: Miss Teague</p> <p>Cross Country Team Race at Billie Neill Centre: Mrs O'Hare accompanying pupils</p>	<p>Primary 4 at badminton</p> <p>P7 at swimming</p> <p>Mrs O'Hare: Shared Education Development Day</p>

Have a lovely weekend.

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