



'Being the best that we can be'

Friday Note

Friday 20th December 2019

No. 14

Carol Concert

We hosted our ninth annual Christmas Carol Concert on Tuesday 17th December. We were indebted to Fr McCaughan for enabling us to perform our show in the beautiful and serene surroundings of St. Patrick's Church.

It was lovely to have so many families, friends and esteemed guests taking such delight in the children's performances. A special welcome and mention was given to our retired former Principals Sr Kathleen and Mrs Maria Gough.

Throughout the concert, cheque presentations were made to both local charities and those which take on global incentives. This was the culmination of fundraising during the year by the pupils and staff. This is such an important aspect to the core values of our school. £2400 was presented by the school to our nominated charities. The recipients of the cheques and their amounts were as follows:

St. Vincent de Paul	£250
Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Mary	£250
GVHD (Craig Family)	£500
Fr Charles/Malawi Project	£200
Friends of the Cancer Centre	£250
Trócaire	£500
Positive Futures	£250
Mary's Meals	£200

I would like to sincerely thank the following people. Rebecca Leonard for her expert choreography skills and for working with our children to such a professional level. Mrs Anne Hanna for preparing the P4 performance group. Miss Holly Dowds for helping with the dance performance group to perfect their routine. Mrs Monica Mc Goran for providing her expertise on the piano accompanying the choir. Thank you to Ravara Productions for providing light and sound.

Thank you to all the staff for giving up their time at Christmas. To Mrs Nuala O'Hare for co-ordinating the events tonight and during the wonderful P5 Nativity Plays when the children performed to three packed out audiences in the Island Arts Centre. We thank Mrs O'Hare for her tireless energy and enthusiasm for the promotion of The Arts to the excellent, high standards that you have become accustomed to and that St. Joseph's Primary School is widely known for.

My own personal thanks go to Mrs Pauline Fleming for all of her significant and important work with whole-school development. Mrs Fleming has been a guiding light for me and I am indebted to her for her professionalism and unwavering drive to ensure St. Joseph's is by far the best school around.

A huge thank you for the stars of the concert, the children who delivered such excellent performances. I would also like to thank Clare and Patrick Glover for giving their time to support the children. They were excellent as well.

And finally, I would like to express my thanks and gratitude to the parents, grandparents and family friends for giving so generously towards our charity collections for next year. £1200 was collected at the end of the performances. This money will be delegated to next year's chosen charities.

Photos and videos of the Carol Concert are available to view on the school website.



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Registration for After School Activities Term 2

Registration for Term 2 After School Activities opened on **Tuesday 17th December at 7.30am**. To register your child, you must book through Schoolmoney. There are limited places remaining in some activities.

P7 Confirmation Date

The Bishop's Office has released the date of Confirmation for this year's Primary 7 classes. It will take place at 11am on Wednesday 12th February in St. Patrick's Church.

Christmas Bauble Competition Winners

Congratulations go to Maja Zabicka (P2), Freya Jose (P6), Amelie Mc Quade (P1), Masa Najib (P4), Annie Murphy (P3), Sebastian Slodczyk (P2) and Roisa Maginess (P5) who all won the top prizes during the kitchen staff's Christmas bauble competition held at the start of December. Well done everyone!

Northern Ireland Children's Hospice Presentation

Congratulations to Una Smyth for her recent fundraising efforts for the Children's Hospice. Una has been growing her hair and collecting money to get it cut in aid of this wonderful charity. I am delighted to say that on Monday 16th December Una and her family were able to make a presentation of £810.50 to help this charity and the amazing work that they do. Well done Una!



Morning Supervision

Just a gentle reminder to parents that our morning supervision for 'breakfast club' doesn't start until 8.00am. Unfortunately, we have had children being left off at school from 7.40am unsupervised by parents/guardians. There is no one on school premises to supervise at this time and it is your responsibility to stay with the children until the morning supervisors arrive. I appreciate your support with this.

The week ahead: **Week beginning Monday 6th January 2020**

Monday 6 th	Tuesday 7 th	Wednesday 8 th	Thursday 9 th	Friday 10 th
School closed to pupils. School improvement day for staff.	Primary One application procedure opens. P4 CAT, P7 PTE & PTM and PASS testing (P3 - P7).	Continuation of P4 CAT, P7 PTE & PTM and PASS testing (P3 - P7).	Awards Assembly with Mrs McManus. P1 online registration workshop for parents in ICT suite with Mr Murray from 9.30 - 11.am.	Awards Assembly Mr Murray. P6 badminton coaching. P7 swimming lessons.

Future Dates

P1 Online Registration Workshop
P4 - P7 Catholic Schools Week Mass
P7 Sacrament of Confirmation
February Midterm Break

Tuesday 14th January from 5.00 - 6.00pm.
Tuesday 28th January at 10am.
Wednesday 12th February at 11am.
Monday 17th to Friday 21st February (All week).



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Dinner Menu (January to June 2020)

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week One	Chicken Goujons	Pasta Bolognaise	Roast Chicken, Gravy, Stuffing	Oven Baked Fish	Carrot, Lentil & Coriander
6.01.20	Seasonal Salad/Coleslaw	Or Pork Stroganoff & Rice	Broccoli/Cauliflower	Seasonal Salad	Soup/Crusty Bread
3.02.20	Chips/Jacket Potatoes		Creamed Potatoes	Mashed Potatoes	Beef Burger & Bap
2.03.20	Or Home Made Cheese		or Savoury rice	Baked Beans	Salad/Coleslaw
30.03.20	& Tomato Pizza			Or Chicken Curry & Rice	Or Cheese & Tomato Wrap
27.04.20				Naan Bread	
25.05.20	Creamy Rice Pudding	Vanilla Ice Cream, Pears	Crackers, cheese		Shortbread, Fresh Fruit
22.06.20	Fresh Fruit Salad	Chocolate Sauce	Selection of Fresh Fruit	Fruit Crumble & Custard	Milkshake
Week Two	Salmon Bites	Savoury Mince Beef Pie	Roast Beef, Gravy, Stuffing	Chicken Curry & Rice	Oven Baked Pork Sausages
13.01.20	Peas/Carrots	Steamed Broccoli	Carrots & Parsnips	Naan Bread	Baked Beans
10.02.20	Mashed Potatoes	Mashed Potatoes	Oven Roast And Mashed	Or Cheese & Ham Baguette	Chips/Jacket Potato
9.03.20	Or Chicken Casserole	Or Tomato & Basil Pasta Bake	Potatoes	Seasonal Salad	
6.04.20					
4.05.20					
1.06.20		Shortbread & Fresh Fruit	Chocolate Sponge & Custard		Fruit Muffin
29.06.20	Arctic Roll & Fruit	Salad		Yoghurts, Fresh Fruit Saad	Milkshake
Week Three	Fish Fingers	Chicken Curry & Rice	Roast Gammon, Gravy, Stuffing	Oven Baked Sausages	Ham & Cheese Pizza
20.01.20	Oven Baked Diced Herb	Naan Bread		Gravy	Chips/Jacket Potato
17.02.20	Potatoes/Baked Potatoes	Chicken Casserole	Peas, Carrots	Creamed potatoes	Or Mexican Chilli Beef with noodles
16.03.20	Baked Beans	Mashed Potatoes	Oven Roast And Mashed	Mixed Vegetables	
13.04.20	Or Pasta Carbonara	Baton Carrots	Potatoes	Or Tuna Wrap	Seasonal Salad/Coleslaw
11.05.20					
8.06.20	Frozen Strawberry Mousse	Banoffee pot/ Strawberry shortcake	vanilla sponge and custard		
	Fresh Fruit		Selection of Fresh Fruit	Flakemeal biscuit/Fruit	Melon Wedges
Week Four	Oven Baked Chicken Nuggets	Beef Casserole	Whiting Fillet in Crumb Coating	Chicken Curry & Rice	Homemade Vegetable soup
27.01.20	Oven Baked diced Herb	Peas/Carrots	Baked Beans	Naan Bread	Crusty Bread
24.02.20	Potatoes/Baked Potatoes	Creamed Potatoes	Mashed Potatoes	Or Sweet Chilli Chicken	Hot Dog
23.03.20	Sweetcorn/ Coleslaw	Or Beef in Black Bean Sauce	Or Macaroni Cheese	Baguette	Or Ham & Cheese Wrap
20.04.20	Or Chicken Salad Wrap	& Rice	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad
18.05.20	Frozen Fruit Mousse				
15.06.20	Fresh Fruit Salad	Chocolate sponge & Custard	Flakemeal biscuit/ Fruit	Ginger Cookie & Fresh Fruit	Fruit Muffin & Milkshake

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Bread, fruit, yoghurt, milk and water are available daily.

If you require any additional information on allergens or special diet please contact the school in the first instance



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