



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

'Being the best that we can be'

Friday Note

Friday 28th February 2020

No. 21

Ash Wednesday

Fr Dermot attended school on Wednesday 26th February to distribute Ashes to the children from P4 – P7 as part of the Parish and School's Lenten preparations. We thank him for taking the time out of his busy schedule to assist us. Fr Dermot wanted to acknowledge the children from Primary 4 for the way in which they read and conducted themselves during the Offertory Procession. Thanks were also extended to Mrs O'Hare and the musicians and to Miss Clarke for co-ordinating the service.

COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Schools Update

The Public Health Agency (PHA) has updated its COVID-19 advice in line with the rest of the UK in light of new cases emerging in several countries. The message for schools, which has been taken from their advice website, has been included below.

"The PHA is working with partners across the UK including Public Health England, as well as the Department of Health and health trusts in Northern Ireland, and the health service in the Republic of Ireland, on the ongoing global novel coronavirus response.

"To help reduce any potential spread of coronavirus, the PHA is also urging people to follow the steps that we recommend for similar illnesses such as cold and flu – catch it, bin it, kill it. Always carry tissues to catch your cough or sneeze, dispose of the tissue as soon as possible after using it, and clean your hands as soon as you can as germs can spread to every surface you touch."

Reporting to Parents

P1 – P6 teachers will be reporting to parents during the week beginning Monday 9th March. School will close at the normal times of 2pm and 3pm. We will have one late night to report to parents on Monday 9th March and school will be closed to pupils on Friday 13th March to facilitate additional meetings. There will be **NO AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES** that week. Homework club and Cool Kids club will remain unaffected.

Fundraising for the Transplant Games

Well done to the boys and girls for supporting Lucy Ellen's quest to attend the transplant games. I am delighted to say that we raised £420.00 during our 'Wear Red Day' on Friday 14th February. This is a brilliant amount and will go a long way to assist Lucy Ellen attending the games!

World Book Day

Next Thursday 5th March we will be celebrating World Book Day. This is a fantastic opportunity to promote and share our love of reading as a whole school. The children will be taking part in lots of book themed activities with their classes. This year's theme is 'Share a Story' and at home you can tune in at 7pm to the Official World Book Day bedtime story on Facebook Live. You may also like to take part in Extreme Reading - just take a photo reading in an unusual place and send into school via SeeSaw! On www.worldbookday.com you will also find a list of the top 100 stories to share! Please take time to share a story at home and encourage each other to read! The children will also be taking home a World Book Day token which they can use in exchange for a book in participating stores (Most supermarkets sell these books!). Thank you for your continued support in developing reading for pleasure throughout our school.

Mathletics

We would encourage you to promote Mathletics at home with your children. We have noticed that some children have not used Mathletics at home and have not completed the tasks and activities that have been set for them by their teachers. We recommend that children spend at least 25 minutes at home each week completing their Mathletics tasks. We continue to promote and recognise excellence using Mathletics by awarding Mathletics certificates during the monthly awards assemblies.



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Class Assemblies for Term 2 and Term 3

Please note that parents/guardians are invited to class assemblies. Assemblies will begin promptly at 9.15am.

Class	Date
P6 – Mrs Fleming	Friday 27 th March
P6 – Mrs Gartland	Friday 3 rd April
P1 – Mrs Mc Manus	Thursday 7 th May
P1 – Miss Hearty	Thursday 21 st May

Term 2 Holidays

Pupil Reporting

Friday 13th March.

Staff Development Day

Monday 16th March.

St. Patrick's Day

Tuesday 17th March.

Easter Holidays

Friday 10th April to Friday 17th April. School reopens on 20/04/2020.

The week ahead: **Week beginning Monday 2nd March 2020**

Monday 2 nd	Tuesday 3 rd	Wednesday 4 th	Thursday 5 th	Friday 6 th
WAO planning day for Mrs O'Hare, Miss Hearty and Miss Mc Anerney. Jessica Teague teaching P7, Elena Smyth teaching P1 and Teresa Twene teaching P2.	Clarinet tuition (8.30 – 10.45am). Flute tuition (8.30 – 10.30am.) Mrs Hanna completing Literacy Pupil Conference. Therese Gorman teaching P4. WAO planning day for Mrs O'Hare, Miss Clarke and Mrs Gorman. Jessica Teague teaching P7, Elena Smyth teaching P3 and Teresa Twene teaching P5.	Violin tuition. WAO planning day for Mrs O'Hare, Mrs Gartland and Mrs Hanna. Jessica Teague teaching P7, Elena Smyth teaching P6 and Teresa Twene teaching P4. Pottery sessions in the Island Arts Centre for P4 (MC) from 9.15 – 10.45am and P7 (EMcC) from 10.45 – 12.15pm. P6 tennis coaching at Wallace Park. German and Spanish for P6 pupils with The Wallace High School students.	Violin tuition. P3 First Confession Commitment Service 9.30am Assembly Hall. World Book Day. P4 Evacuee Day.	Mr Murray attending EA Finance conference. P4 badminton coaching. P7 swimming lessons.



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