



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

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Friday Note

Friday 17th January 2020

No. 16

P7 Transfer to Post-Primary School Interviews

Letters regarding Transfer Interviews, will be sent home with the children on Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st January. Information on applying for a post-primary school place and applying for home to school transport will also be sent home with the children on these days. For any additional enquiries please contact Mr Murray or Mrs Fleming at school.

PE Uniform

Just a reminder that on PE days the children need to wear their full PE uniform. It is the school's policy that only the nominated O'Neills tracksuit bottoms or plain navy tracksuit bottoms should be worn. Any other tracksuit bottoms, especially those with stipes, lines or logos are not permitted. Thank you for your support with this.

P1 Online Applications for September 2020

Applications for admissions to P1 in September close at 12 noon on Thursday 30th January. I would advise all parents/guardians applying for places to do so well in advance of this closing date in case there are any technical errors or glitches in the system. We are still available in school to assist or support parents/guardians in any way through this process. Some parents/guardians have taken the option to come into school and complete the application form with the principal and/or vice principal. This option is still open to parents. Please phone the school office to arrange an appointment.

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.

The P7 classes will have their Service of Light at school on **Tuesday 21st January at 7pm**. Fr Dermot will officiate this ceremony.

Additional Liturgical Dates

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| P3 Commitment Service | Thursday 5 th March at 11am in the school assembly hall. |
| P3 Sacrament of Confessions | Thursday 26 th March at 10.45am in St. Patrick's Church. |
| P4 Breaking of Bread Service | Thursday 2 nd April at 9.15am in the school assembly hall. |
| P4 Sacrament of First Holy Communion | Saturday 16 th May at 10am in St. Patrick's Church. |

Sports Updates

Congratulations to two of our P7 children, Finn Lappin and Ella-Rose Watson, who have qualified for the individual final of the Flahavan's Cross Country League. Following rounds one and two, both children finished within the top 5 overall in the Antrim area, which is a tremendous achievement. We wish them well for the final on Wednesday 22nd January and will keep you updated on their progress.

Soccer – Lisburn Cup

The first match for the U10 boys' soccer team has been confirmed for Thursday 23rd January against Forthill Integrated Primary School. The winners of this preliminary round will play Meadowbridge Primary School in the round of 16. Best of luck to the team. Match report will follow in due course.

Term 2 Holidays

- Holidays and school closures for Term 2 have been included below.
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| February Midterm Break | Monday 17th to Friday 21st February (5 days). |
| Reporting to parents | 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 Monday 20th April. |



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Class Assemblies for Term 2

Please note that parents/guardians are invited to class assemblies. **Assemblies will begin promptly at the new time of 9.15am.** When your child has an assembly it is important that they arrive to school punctually on these mornings so teachers can perform final preparations before assemblies begin.

| Class | Date |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| P2 – Mrs Crilly | Thursday 23 rd January |
| P2 – Miss Mc Anerney | Thursday 30 th January |
| P5 – Miss Kitt | Friday 31 st January |
| P6 – Mrs Fleming | Friday 27 th March |
| P6 – Mrs Gartland | Friday 3 rd April |

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The week ahead: **Week beginning Monday 20th January 2020**

| Monday 20 th | Tuesday 21 st | Wednesday 22 nd | Thursday 23 rd | Friday 24 th |
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| <p>P4 (AH) Library visit from 10am.</p> <p>P4 CAT, P7 PTE & PTM and PASS testing (P3 - P7).</p> <p>P2 Shared Education programme at Harmony Hill Primary School (am only) – back to school for lunches.</p> | <p>Clarinet tuition (8.30 – 10.45am).</p> <p>Continuation of P4 CAT, P7 PTE & PTM and PASS testing (P3 - P7).</p> <p>P2 Shared Education programme at Harmony Hill Primary School (am only) – back to school for lunches.</p> <p>P7 Service of Light at 7pm in the school assembly hall.</p> | <p>Violin tuition.</p> <p>Pottery sessions in the Island Arts Centre – P2 (SC) and P5 (CK).</p> <p>P5 tennis coaching at Wallace Park.</p> <p>P4 (MC) Library visit from 10am.</p> <p>Continuation of P4 CAT, P7 PTE & PTM and PASS testing (P3 - P7).</p> | <p>Flute tuition (8.30 – 10.30am.)</p> <p>Violin tuition.</p> <p>P2 (SC) Class Assembly at 9.15am.</p> <p>U10 Lisburn soccer cup match against Forthill Integrated Primary School.</p> <p>Continuation of P4 CAT, P7 PTE & PTM and PASS testing (P3 - P7).</p> | <p>Continuation of P4 CAT, P7 PTE & PTM and PASS testing (P3 - P7).</p> <p>P6 badminton coaching.</p> <p>P7 swimming lessons.</p> |

Future Dates

P7 Transfer to Post-Primary School Interviews
P4 – P7 Catholic Schools Week Mass
P2 (CMcA) Parent Assembly
P5 (CG) Parent Assembly
P7 Sacrament of Confirmation
February Midterm Break

Week beginning Monday 27th January – refer to individual letters.
Tuesday 28th January at 10am.
Thursday 30th January at 9.15am.
Friday 31st January at 9.15am.
Wednesday 12th February at 11am.
Monday 17th to Friday 21st February (All week).



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A Letter from Sr Lelia O'Shea

Dear Mr Murray,

On behalf of the Sacred Heart of Mary Sisters and the people with whom we work I want to say thanks to you, the staff and pupils of St Joseph's for the very generous donation of 250 pounds sent to us via Sr Denise before Christmas. We greatly appreciate your support and some of the children we work with will be a lot happier this year because your donation will enable them to go to school. Here are some pictures so that you can see the faces of some children whom your money supports. We wish God's blessing on your school community as you enter into this new decade of 2020.

Yours sincerely,

Sr Lelia O'Shea



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