



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

'Being the best that we can be'

Friday Note

Friday 22nd November 2019

No. 10

P1 Open Night

This year we will host our Open Night for prospective P1 pupils and their families on Tuesday 3rd December at 6pm. This promises to be an excellent evening at school with a chance to visit our vibrant P1 classrooms, meet our excellent staff and get a feel for how we strive for excellence at St. Joseph's Primary School. Please pass on this date to family and friends who have children ready to start P1 in September 2020.

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OPEN NIGHT
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at 6pm

Come along, meet the staff, look around and get a feel for life as a pupil in St. Joseph's for your child!



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What do our Parents say?

St. Joseph's provides a happy, nurturing environment to encourage our children to learn. The commitment of the staff to the social, academic and emotional development of every pupil to ensure they achieve their full potential is exceptional. The principal knows every child by name, enhancing the friendly ethos of the school, where the children can learn and grow as part of the St. Joseph's Family, 'Being the Best that they can be!'
Gavin and Emmylou Breslin

We are delighted to have our three children at St. Joseph's and really value the caring, friendly atmosphere that Mr Murray and the staff create. The school challenges and stimulates our children to help them realise their potential in a nurturing way, in addition to offering them numerous interesting extra-curricular activities to broaden their minds.
Peter and Grainne Quinn

We are delighted with our twins progression at St. Joseph's Primary School. Now in P6, the girls are happy, content and loving school life. Their knowledge in general is unbelievable. There is so much opportunity available to them.
Mrs O'Neill



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AQE 2

The P7 children are steadily working their way through these post-primary school assessments. For the majority of them they have two more assessments to go. We are so proud of them and would encourage our school community to keep them in your thoughts and prayers tomorrow morning. Best of luck boys and girls!

Colder Weather

There is a noticeable drop in the temperature as we now move towards Winter. Please ensure that your children are sent to school with suitable warm coats, hats, scarves and gloves. Please also familiarise yourselves with the 'Adverse Weather Arrangements' in case school has to school due to inclement weather. A copy of this policy is contained within the school website and is available on request from the school office.



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P5 Nativity Show – “Lights, Camel, Action!”

Exciting news! We have sold out the original two shows and have now added a third show to the line-up on Monday 9th December. Remember all booking is made directly through the Island Arts Centre. The show times are as follows:

- 12.30pm
- 2.00pm
- 7.00pm



If you require tickets, please sort as soon as possible because we do not have the capacity to add a fourth show. Thank you very much for your support to date.

P1 and P2 Nativity Tickets

Tickets for the P1 and P2 Christmas Nativity plays are selling fast. Please make sure you don't miss out. Tickets are priced the same as last year at £4 per person. We have two performances this year, both starting at 9.30am, on the following days:

- Tuesday 10th December
- Wednesday 11th December

School Book Fair



Don't forget we have our Book Fair starting this Monday at school from 8.15 – 9am and from 2-4pm every day. As previously mentioned, the Book Fair is a fantastic way to purchase new books for our school. We are able to receive 60% commission on the purchases made!

PTA Hamper Collections

To assist the PTA in their hamper preparations for the Christmas Bazaar and for contributions towards St. Vincent de Paul, we are asking each of the classes to support us by bringing in the following items which will allow the PTA to have an incredible selection for each of their hampers:

P1	Crisps/Pringles/Twiglets
P2	Biscuits /crackers
P3	Sweets/chocolates
P4	Mince pies/puddings
P5	Christmas cakes/Christmas logs/ buns/cakes
P6	Tea/coffee/cranberry sauce/pickles
P7	Bottles of shloer/juice and adult juice

All items should be given to the children to leave into their own respective classes. We fully appreciate your assistance with this.

PTA Christmas Ballot:

Ballot tickets were sent home this week. Tickets cost £1 or £5 per book. Completed ticket stubs and money can be returned to your child's teacher any time before Christmas Bazaar on Thursday 5th December as the draw will take place on the night of the Bazaar. There is a prize for the child who collects the most tickets so please write your child's name on the back of the tickets that are returned. Please don't feel obliged to sell all the books - you can return any books that you don't sell. Alternatively, if you would like to sell more books, please ask your child's teacher.

PTA Christmas Bazaar Donations:

We are collecting items for the Big Wheel, Tombola, Bottle Stall, Books and Bric a Brac. Please send any items in to your child's teacher. Your support is greatly appreciated.



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The week ahead: **Week beginning Monday 25th November**

Monday 25 th	Tuesday 26 th	Wednesday 27 th	Thursday 28 th	Friday 29 th
Book Fair week. P4 'Flight Workshops' at the Linen Museum – P4 (AH) attending from 9.30 – 10.30am and P4 (MC) attending from 10.45 – 11.45am. P3 Shared Education racquets session.	Clarinet tuition (8.30 – 10.45am). P6 basketball coaching.	Violin tuition. Pottery session for P2 (CMcA) and P5 (SG). P3 tennis coaching.	Flute tuition (8.30 – 10.30am). Violin tuition. Friends Science Students - P6 (PF).	P7 badminton coaching (10.30 – 11.30am & 11.30 – 12.30pm). P5 swimming today. GAA Fundamentals for P2 (1.00-2.00pm) and P4 (2.00-3.00pm). After school activities end.

Future Dates

Open Night
Christmas Dinners and Jumper Day
PTA Christmas Bazaar
P5 Christmas Nativity Play
P1 and P2 Christmas Concert
Whole School Panto Day
P4 – P7 Christmas Mass
P4 – P7 Christmas Carol Service

Tuesday 3rd December from 6pm
Wednesday 4th December
Thursday 5th December (5.30 – 7.30pm)
Monday 9th December
Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th December at 9.30am
Thursday 12th December
Tuesday 17th December at 10am
Tuesday 17th December at 7pm



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