



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

'Being the best that we can be'

Friday Note

Friday 29th November 2019

No. 11

P1 Open Night

We would be delighted to receive an application from you for a place for your child/children in St. Joseph's Primary School for September 2020. Therefore, we would like to invite you to our Open Night on Tuesday 3rd December 2019 at 6pm.

The Open Night will begin with an address by Mr Murray, the school Principal, at 6.15pm in the Assembly Hall. Senior staff will also be on hand to answer any questions you may have about the educational provision in our wonderful school.

St. Joseph's has a high standard of academic achievement and examination success and we are extremely proud of our children's accomplishments. We are fortunate to have a dedicated staffing team who have demonstrated their commitment to the children through the range of curricular and other learning experiences they provide.

We are prepared to take you through the changes for P1 enrolment which came into effect last year. From January 7th 2020 parents/guardians must use an online system to register and make an application for P1 for September 2020. Our very diligent staff are going to operate two clinics in January to assist you with your application to P1.

Additional information about St. Joseph's Primary School can be found in the school prospectus which will be handed out during Open Night.

We look forward to welcoming you to our dynamic and vibrant school. We also look forward to having the opportunity to develop your child's lifelong skills and love for learning during their time here with us.

If for whatever reason you cannot attend Open Night, please contact Mr Murray at school who will only be too happy to give you a personal tour of the school and answer any questions you might have.

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The final assessment for our P7 boys and girls takes place this Saturday 30th November. We once again ask you to keep them firmly in your thoughts and prayers.

P5 Nativity Show – "Lights, Camel, Action!"

Our P5 Nativity Play is on in the Studio Theatre on Monday 9th December. P5 will be there all day. They will also have their break and lunch there.



We have three performances scheduled – 12.30pm, 2pm and 7pm. The P5 children have been excellent in their rehearsals so far and are so excited to showcase their Nativity to you. Remember if you would like to bring your younger children to see the shows you can collect them from school early. Tickets are only available for the 2pm show.



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Carol Concert

Our Carol Concert will be held in St. Patrick's Church at 7pm on Tuesday 17th December. The P4 choir, P5 – P7 choir and folkgroup will be performing. This will be a magical event for the whole family to enjoy. We will be asking for a £5 donation per person attending at the door with all proceeds going towards 'Charlie's Fund'.

Carol Singing

The school choir will be singing in the city centre again this Christmas to raise money for charity. We will be in touch by text to let you know when you can come along and see the children perform. This will depend on the weather. Children will be encouraged to wear a Santa hat or Christmas hairband. We appreciate your support with this.

Charlie's Christmas Craft Fair

We are so proud of all our pupils who managed a stall at Charlie's Christmas Craft Fair Fundraiser that was recently held in St. Patrick's Parish Centre, Lisburn. The 'Charlie for Life' stall raised an amazing £472 and 'The Charlie's Angels' stall raised a fantastic £440 - we certainly do have some wonderful entrepreneurs in St. Joseph's! Overall a phenomenal amount of over £20,000 was raised for the Children's Cancer Charity. Well done to Clíodhna, Fintan, Nancy and all the Craig and Eastwood family who organised the wonderful event in liaison with the staff and volunteers at St. Patrick's Parish Centre. Thank you too to all our parents, children, staff and the wider school and Parish community for supporting the event, helping to make it such a success in honour of Charlie - your support was greatly appreciated.



PTA Hamper Collections

Final push to get items into school 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. Could all items be left to school as soon as possible.

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| 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 (wine/spirits) | | |



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The week ahead: **Week beginning Monday 2nd December**

Monday 2 nd	Tuesday 3 rd	Wednesday 4 th	Thursday 5 th	Friday 6 th
Carol concert practice with Mrs O'Hare.	Clarinet tuition (8.30 – 10.45am). P7 attending The Wallace High School to watch a performance of 'A Christmas Carol'. New P1 Open Night at 6pm.	Violin tuition. Christmas dinner and jumper day at school. Pottery session for P2 (CMcA) and P5 (SG). P3 tennis coaching. German and Spanish tuition for P6 classes from The Wallace High School students.	Flute tuition (8.30 – 10.30am). Violin tuition. Flahavan's Athletics league with Mrs Gartland. Friends Science Students - P6 (PF). PTA Christmas Bazaar from 5.30 – 7.30pm.	P7 badminton coaching (10.30 – 11.30am & 11.30 – 12.30pm). P5 swimming today. Basketball blitz in Queen's PE Centre with Mrs Gartland. GAA Fundamentals for P2 (1.00-2.00pm) and P4 (2.00-3.00pm).

Future Dates

P5 Christmas Nativity Plays
P1 and P2 Christmas Concert
Whole School Panto Day
P4 – P7 Christmas Mass
P4 – P7 Christmas Carol Service
Christmas Holidays
Term 2 Commences
February Midterm Break

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
Friday 20th December at 12 noon
Tuesday 7th January
Monday 17th to Friday 21st February (All week)



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