



'Being the best that we can be'

'Friday Note'

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More Fantastic News!

This week we have been awarded our 'Woodland Trust Gold Award.' Primary 6 Eco Council members Matthew McGuinness, Katie Hunter, Caitlin Finlay, Aoife Moran and Lucy McKibbin have worked really hard in the last number of months putting together the application form and completing environmental tasks around the school. This will all help towards our Eco Schools Green Flag Award which we hope to gain next year. Well done Primary 6 and thank you to Mrs Hunter for facilitating all of this fantastic eco drive!

Primary 7 Leavers' Mass and Presentation

On Friday 23 June we will say goodbye to 56 Primary 7 pupils as we celebrate their Leavers' Mass and Presentation day. It will be a sad day for us but we know that our primary 7 pupils are ready to move to post-primary school. They have been wonderful ambassadors for our school and we are very proud of all their achievements.

Dinners for P1 – P6 pupils will not be available on Friday 23 June because of Presentation Day. Pupils who receive free dinners will have a packed lunch provided for them from the canteen...all other children should bring a packed lunch to school that day. Thank you for your understanding.

Mathletics

We are delighted to have renewed our subscription for Mathletics for next year. Even better, Mathletics has had a makeover and is now a new and improved version of its old self! Mrs Gartland has progressed the children in each class who have completed or almost completed their Northern Ireland course to a more challenging English course that they can work on over the summer. The children who haven't completed this year's course have the opportunity to do so over the summer. Should they complete it midsummer, Mrs Gartland will be able to progress them to keep them busy! **We would advise all parents to encourage their children to complete all sections of their current year course over the summer so that they are fully equipped for next year.**

PTA News

PTA Pizza Party Prize

Miss Clarke's P3 class were so excited last Friday when they received their prize for raising the highest amount in the PTA's Small Change for a Big Difference Campaign. They won pizzas which were kindly donated by Pizza Base on Castle Street. Thank you to Damian and everyone at Pizza Base for their generosity. The children said the pizzas were really delicious! Why not call in to Pizza Base to try one or visit their website: <http://the-pizzabase.co.uk/#/Home/>

Summer Fair

What a fantastic day we had last Saturday...it looked a little dull to start off with but then the sun came out for a glorious afternoon. Thank you so much for coming along on the day and thank you to our PTA members, other parents and staff who helped to run the stalls! An amazing total of £2176



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was made in all which is a 27% increase on last year. In the current difficult financial climate this is excellent! Thank you!

Fun Run

We now have 160 names for the Fun Run...this is absolutely fantastic! Thank you so much for your support for this event! We will meet from 6.30pm onwards at the grass pitches at the Leisureplex. Look out for the PTA banner! Come early to get your face painted in the St Joseph's colours. Brian Magee will begin the warm up at 6.50pm. We are really looking forward to a great night!

Don't forget to visit our just giving page to make a donation at:

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaigns/charity/stjosephs-pta/stjosephspta>

What's happening next week?

Monday 19 June 2017	Tuesday 20 June 2017	Wednesday 21 June 2017	Thursday 22 June 2017	Friday 23 June 2017
Past Pupil Catherine Brennan on work Experience P5 Mrs Gartland at Linen Centre for Egyptian Workshop 9.30am – 12.30pm Mrs Fleming CCEA Meeting at 10.30am Miss McAnerney Literacy Meeting with EA at 2pm	P3 trip to Castleward P5 Mr Reid at Linen Centre for Egyptian Workshop 9.30am – 12.30pm Hurling tournament at St. Colman's	Lisburn Fun Run: Meet at PTA banner in the grass pitches at the Leisureplex at 6.30pm LAST FIRST TRUST BANK DAY TODAY- SAVE SOMETHING BEFORE SUMMER	Primary 7 Annual Reports issued to parents	Primary 7 Leavers' Mass and Presentation ALL P1 – P6 pupils must bring in a packed lunch) P1 – P6 Annual Reports issued to parents

Thank you for returning your email addresses into school. If you haven't already done so please leave your email address into the school office so that we can email newssheets, Friday Notes etc next year. Have a lovely weekend! See you all on Monday

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