

Classes for 2017/2018

The Senior Leadership Team are currently working on the allocation of classes for 2017/2018. There are a number of appointments to be made. Posts have been advertised by CCMS and interviews will take place on Thursday 22nd June. After that we will be in a position to inform parents about classes for 2017/2018. Thanking you for your patience and understanding.

Dinner Money!

A small number of children still owe quite a substantial amount of dinner money. If a child takes a dinner we must get the £2.55 to pay for it. Often children forget their lunch and we automatically send the child to dinners. Unfortunately if parents don't pay for this dinner we end up with a sizeable bill at the end of the year.

I know teachers are embarrassed having to continually chase after a few parents, sending out request after request note. Can I ask you to please pay any outstanding dinner money before the end of June. Teachers will be sending out reminder slips with any child who owes dinner money. Thank you

Uniform

As the term draws to a close we would like to remind you of the school's uniform policy. Our school uniform says 'I belong to St Joseph's' and as such should be worn with pride. The school uniform is:



Pale Blue shirt	School Tie
School Jumper	Black Shoes
Grey trousers/skirt/pinafore	

In the summer term shorts/summer dresses may be worn.

PE Uniform

We are currently working with a new provider to develop a new PE uniform for 2017/2018. This will include a pair of track bottoms along with a jacket along with a jacket. Pupils will continue to wear the blue polo shirt with the school crest. The new uniform will be for pupils in P4-P7. Pupils in P1-P3 will continue to wear the blue polo shirt with navy blue bottoms. More details before the end of term.

Text Books

Please, please, please can you check if you have any school text books in your house. We are urgently running low on text books, reading books throughout the school. If you have them just send them in. Thank you!

P7 at Angling First

Another treat for Primary 7 as they enjoy the delights of fishing at Angling first in Dromore. Rab and Andy, our Community Policy Officers, have organised the three trips for all of our P7 pupils. Patience, Patience, Patience was the name of the game last Wednesday for the first of the fishing trips but good things always come to those who wait.....with everyone catching something on the day.



Leavers' Mass and Presentation Day

We will say goodbye to our current Primary 7's on Friday 23rd June at our Leavers' Mass and Presentation. This is always an occasion that we look forward to with a mixture of emotions – excitement and sadness combined. Mass will begin at 10am in the assembly hall and will be followed by our Leavers' Assembly and Presentation and a lovely buffet lunch provided by Louisa and 'The Girls' in the canteen.

Lunches only on Friday 23rd June

There will be no dinners on Friday 23rd June because of our Primary 7 Leavers' Mass and Presentation. We would ask all parents to provide lunches only on this day for pupils in P1-P6.



Calling out for Tiles

If anyone has any **SMALL** plain tiles no longer required we could make use of them for school art. Thank you

Creative Voices Exhibition

8.15 – 9.30, 2.00–4.30

Tuesday 30th May to Tuesday 13th June

All work for sale by any donation

50% proceeds to school, art fund 50% proceeds to your young artist

Assembly Hall, St Josephs' Primary School

Communication skills are an important part of both personal and curriculum development. So, once a week, 40 children in small groups have been working creatively on finding **their** voices. They have produced some breath-taking, inspiring art. The children are so excited to show you their Art. Please come and applaud their AWESOME ART.

Congratulations to our young artists in P4.

11 pupils entered the Discover Arts Award and passed with flying colours.

Oran Lynch	Lucas Larmour
Imogen Murray	Erin Mallon
Darrach Casey	Tomas Fay
Roisin Quinn	Finn Lapin
Dylan O Hare	Ruby Grimley
Hannah Dougherty	

This prestigious award is delivered by Trinity College London and we are delighted to be able to offer it exclusively in St Josephs. It leads on to the Explore Award in P7 and bronze silver and gold at post primary. Similar to the Duke of Edinburgh award except delivered through the Arts.

P7s are awaiting their external moderation in London for their results. Good Luck!

Eco-Council

Thank you to those who supported our Eco-Council herb sale. The Eco-Council raised £41 which they used to buy food for the breakfast morning.

Messages to Children

We are experiencing increasing numbers of phone calls to the school with messages for children about after school arrangements. On one day last week we had 26 messages for children. As you can imagine this causes a lot of disruption in the office and in the classroom. We would ask parents that as far as possible can children know their pick up arrangements before they come school.

Thank you for your understanding.

PTM and PTE Testing

PTM and PTE testing in P3-P7 is now complete and results are being downloaded and analysed. You will receive your child's scores in the Annual Report as well as a breakdown and individual report for parents.

British Heart Foundation Monday 12th June

We are delighted to welcome The British Heart Foundation to St Joseph's to provide a CPR workshop to our P7's on Monday 12th June. Thank you to Alison Muir, Sam Bowman (P1) for organising this for us.

Cool Kids & Homework Club Pick Up

We would like to remind you that children being picked up from Cool Kids and or Homework Club **MUST** be picked up from the Cool Kids Collection Point, which is the Cabin beside the school canteen.

At pick up time at 2pm/3pm if you are running late all children will automatically be brought to Cool Kids so they also need to be picked up from the Cabin and **NOT** the Office.

April Awards

Value of the Month: Forgiveness	
P1	Lucy Jess Alan Kopec
P2	Charlotte Vance Una Smyth
P3	Tariq McDowell Mollie Barr
P4	Thomas Allen Maria McLorinan
P5	Euan Lappin Hollie McGuigan McFall
P6	Cerys McNally Mia Law
P7	Hannah Gartland Anton Beattie
Pope Francis Award	
P1	Emma Lappin Ellie Sloan
P2	Olivia Moore Adele Curtis
P3	Oisin Farrell Ruby Lavery
P4	Imogen Murray Lola Murray
P5	Rebecca English Sean Campbell
P6	Aidan McCann Ray Brady
P7	Sophie Murray Emily Nokes
Writer of the Month	
P1	Nancy Craig Patrick Feeney
P2	Corey Matthews Ollie Gould
P3	Ryan Nokes Zack Rogan
P4	Neala Dobbin Roisin Quinn
P5	Adam Hassett Lucia McConville
P6	Eoin Ryan Lucy McKibbin
P7	Chano McClure Amanpreet Kaur
ICT Whizzkid of the Month	
P1	Kian Kennedy Sam Bowman
P2	Fearghal Hale Toby Glenfield
P3	Michael Ratcliffe Antony Jurczenko
P4	Dean Brady Charlie Lawlor
P5	Anna Broderick Nicola Antczak
P6	Niamh Wilkinson Luke Newnam
P7	Emily Dunlop Kiera Quilab

May Awards

Value of the Month: Patience	
P1	Madison Ward Jay Corr
P2	Sienna Curran Zara Gribbon
P3	Ben Jeffrey Grace Ferris
P4	Sophia McConville Tessmary Cyril
P5	Katie Neill Connor Moran
P6	Aoife Doherty Felix Jose
P7	Kamile Ramanauskaite

	Jack Brady
Pope Francis Award	
P1	Olivia Feenan Lila-Grace Cunningham
P2	Cian Mallon Nina Burns
P3	Grace Bunce Hannah O'Neill
P4	Anna Abraham Aidan Sloan
P5	Lily Rose McPolin Eoin Holman
P6	Eddie Green Alton Joshy
P7	Emma Gormley Sky Gaffey
Writer of the Month	
P1	Aoife Breslin Megan Mateer
P2	Klara Heyes Molly McKenna
P3	Ciara Johnson Matthew Lavery
P4	Callum Agnew Ciara McCann
P5	Sofia Enrique Gascon Daniel Maguire
P6	Ella Maloret Ronald Mathew
P7	Conor Longley Caelin McKenna
ICT Whizzkid of the Month	
P1	Daniel Johnson Alan Kopec
P2	Zachary Neeson Shea Mallon
P3	Ella Valentine Shea Scott
P4	Erin Mallon Darach Casey
P5	Yasemin Taci Daniel McNamara
P6	Ryan Walker Eve Walker
P7	Sian Rooney Katrina Visomirskyte
Mathlete of the Month	
P1	Elizabeth Hutchinson Nicholas Badoi
P2	Caleb English Ethan McKeown
P3	Leon McGrady Molly Barr
P4	Finn Lappin James Barrett
P5	Rebecca English Yzabelle Pacia
P6	Felix Jose Isabel Barrett
P7	Amanpreet Kaur Benedict Onattu

Mathletics

We have been really pleased with our introduction of this award winning digital resource to develop and improve Math's throughout the school, so much so that we have purchased the resource for the academic year 2017/2018. Please support your child in the use of this resource at home. The recommended times are 20 minutes at least three times per week. This will help your child develop their knowledge and understanding in Math's. It will be available all throughout the summer – perfect for rainy days.

PTA News

Small Change For A Big Difference Fortnight:

Thanks to your support, the PTA raised a fantastic £804.95 during this fortnight.

The winning class was P3 Miss Clarke who collected an amazing £228.02 followed by P1 Mrs McManus' class with another great total of £139.32

Miss Clarke's class have won a Pizza Party which has kindly been donated by Pizza Base on Castle Street!!

Summer Fun Day:

Our annual summer fun day this year is on **Saturday 10th June** from 11am-2pm. The PTA have been busy planning the event already, but they need your help!

We are appealing for items for the **Tombola, Bottle Stall and Bric a Brac**. If you have anything that you would like to donate please send it in to your child's teacher. Start collecting!

Any donations for ballot prizes would also be greatly appreciated.

Fun Run:

Our PTA are entering a team in the Lisburn Fun Run this year on 21st June. It will be a great event for our school community with Brian Magee providing a warm up for everyone from 6.50pm. Come along and join the fun!

Information, application forms and a sponsorship sheet have been sent home with each child. If you are interested in taking part in this great event please return an application form and entry fee (£7.50 per person) for **each** family member taking part by as soon as possible. Remember that all children **must** be accompanied by an adult. All application forms and money should be put in an envelope marked for the attention of the PTA and given to the office.

Fun Run t-shirts and registration numbers will be available for collection at our Fun Day on 10th June for all participants who have returned their application form!

A Just Giving page for fundraising has also been set up. Please share it with your family and friends!

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

Don't forget you can like our PTA page on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/stjosephslisburnpta/>

Roots of Empathy

Thank you to our Roots of Empathy Teacher, baby Anna Rose Southwell, for coming in all year.

Mrs Gartland's Primary 5 class has enjoyed every visit. Last visit Wednesday 24th May. We would like to pass on all our good wishes.

Sports Day Final Results P3-p4

	P3 Girls	P3 Boys
Sprint	1. Mollie 2. Emma 3. Grace/Jessica	1. Darragh 2. Frazer 3. Oisin
Hurdle Race	1. Mollie 2. Grace 3. Kaitlin	1. Darragh 2. James 3.
Potato & Spoon	1. Dara 2. Cara 3. Orla	1. Ruairi 2. Luke 3. Tariq
Bean Bag	1. Sarah 2. Grace 3. Lexie/Ciara	1. Shea 2. Gabe 3. Zack
	P4 Girls	P4 Boys
Sprint	1. Neela 2. Ella 3. Anna	1. Finn 2. Joseph 3. Anna
Hurdle Race	1. Erin 2. Jessica 3.	1. Charlie W 2. Dylan 3.
Potato & Spoon	1. Anna 2. Roisin 3. Katie	1. Darach 2. Lucas 3. Simranjeet
Bean Bag	1. Sophia 2. Naomi 3. Katie/Maria	1. Patrick 2. Thomas 3. Joseph
Marathon	1. Ella-Rose 2. Neala Anna N	1. James B 2. Fionn 3. Owen

Sports Day Final Results P5-P7

	P5 Boys	P5 Girls
Sprint	1. Conall 2. Euan 3. Tadhg	1. Ysabelle 2. Ugne 3. Molly
Bean Bag	1. Daniel	1. Grace

	2. Joseph 3. Ben	2. Orleigh 3. Lucy
Long Jump	1. Euan 2. Zachary 3. Adam	1. Yzabelle 2. Ugne 3. Anna
Chest Push	1. Zachary 2. Daniel 3. Joseph	1. Molly Gribben 2. Lucia 3. Grace
Speed Jump	1. Luke 2. Eric 3. Euan	1. Yasemin 2. Lucy 3. Katie & Ugne
Marathon	1. Conall 2. Luke 3. Euan & Patrick	1. Yzabelle 2. Orleigh 3. Anna
	P6 Boys	P6 Girls
Sprint	1. Luke 2. Conn 3. Shay	1. Mia 2. Ella 3. Aoife
Bean Bag	1. Ryan 2. Conn 3. Eoin	1. Sinead 2. Kyla 3. Beth
Long Jump	1. Aidan 2. Ryan 3. Eddie	1. Eve 2. Ella 3. Mia
Chest Push	1. Eoin 2. Richard 3. Cillian	1. Eve 2. Emma 3. Klara
Speed Jump	1. Jack 2. Ronald 3. Conn	1. Eve 2. Olivia & Niamh 3. Cerys
Marathon	1. Ray 2. Jack 3. Luke	1. Isabel 2. Dearbhla 3. Eve
	P7 Boys	P7 Girls
Sprint	1. Fionn 2. Conor 3. Chano	1. Olivia 2. Kamile 3. Amanpreet
Bean Bag	1. Lewis 2. Dean 3. Luke	1. Sky 2. Hannah 3. Emily
Long Jump	1. Oliver 2. Tom 3. Luke	1. Justine 2. Moya 3. Cara
Chest Push	1. Conor 2. Fionn 3. Lewis & Anton	1. Hannah 2. Anna 3. Amanpreet
Speed Jump	1. Conall 2. Caelin 3. Jake	1. Kamile 2. Auguste 3. Cara, Katrina & Olivia
Marathon	1. Conor 2. Fionn 3. Luke	1. Enya 2. Moya 3. Auguste

Catholic Schools Week 2018:

Dublin has been chosen by Pope Francis to host the World Meeting of Families 2018. From 21-26 August 2018, families and others from all over the world will gather in Dublin to celebrate their lives together, to share their experiences from different parts of the world, to reflect on the different challenges they face and to grow together in faith.

In partnership with World Meeting of Families 2018, Catholic Schools Week 2018 will be the height of a yearlong programme. The theme of Catholic Schools Week 2018 will be: **Catholic Schools: Called to be a Family of Families**. The programme invites Catholic schools to reflect on and to celebrate the relationship that exists between home, school and parish. There will be 4 sub themes at different times throughout the year:

November 2017: Families of Hope

January 2018 (Catholic Schools Week): Families of Faith

February/March 2018: Families of Love

March/May 2018: Families of Joy

We look forward to celebrating Catholic Schools Week 2018 together within the family and community of St Joseph's.