



## *'Being the best that we can be'*

**Friday Note**  
**Looking back...**

**Friday 9 February 2018**

**No.17**

### **More Sporting Success!**

A big St Joseph's well done to our two fabulous cross country runners, Eve Watson (P7) and Anna Broderick (P6) who participated in the Stormont Cross Country Primary School Event at the weekend. Eve finished in 35th place out of 136 runners, whilst Anna finished in 14th place. Another tremendous achievement for these girls.

On Tuesday, 12 of our P7 children travelled to the Leisureplex to compete in the annual Lisburn and Castlereagh Borough Council Indoor Athletics event. This is a super event which is attended by many of the schools in the council area. Thank-you to the parents who came along to support this, they really were treated to a wonderful display of talent as St Joseph's came away with the most medals on the day. Jack McMahon won the boys speed bounce with an incredible 52 jumps in 20 seconds. Mia Law won the chest push, a title which we have now won two years in a row (strong ladies in St Joseph's). We also won the obstacle relay, the team consisted of 3 boys and 3 girls, Ray Brady, Noah McGlade, Kaelan Smyth, Isabel Barrett, Ella Maloret and Dearbhla Lynch. Last but not least, we also won the girls sprint relay! This team of girls won by a head (literally). The team consisted of Eve Watson, Mia Law, Ella Maloret and Isabel Barrett. Many congratulations to all in our talented squad.

### **Child Protection Update**

As part of our ongoing review of Safeguarding and Child Protection procedures here in school we would like to inform you of a few new procedures introduced:

1. The back gate at the canteen is now closed and locked at the following times:
  1. From 9.15am until 2pm
  2. From 2.15pm until 3pm
  3. From 3.15pm until 5.30pm

This will ensure that pupils attending Cool Kids and Homework Club are safe. Parents collecting from Cool Kids and Homework Club **must go to the back gate to collect** as all children attending wrap around are in this area.

2. Picking up pupils during the school day: We would remind parents that all pupils being picked up during the day **MUST** be picked up at the school reception. All parents must now sign their child out at reception as well.
3. If pupils are arriving in school during the day (for example, if they have been at a hospital appointment etc., they **MUST** be dropped off at school reception and parents must sign them into school.

**We would like to remind you that our Designated Teacher is Mrs Michelle Connolly and our Deputy Designated Teacher is Mrs Nuala O'Hare. Our Safeguarding and Child Protection Policies can all be accessed on our school website. There are additional hard copies at the school reception area as well.**

Louisa in the canteen would like me to remind parents that cars should not be parked in the yellow box outside the canteen as this is an access area for delivery vans and buses. Parents cannot gain access to the school through the canteen.

### **Looking ahead....**

#### **Mid-term Break**

Yes it's mid-term break next week and I think we are all ready for it. The school is closed from Monday 12 February until Friday 16 February for mid-term and then we have a School Development day on Monday 19 February for staff only. School will reopen for pupils on Tuesday 20 February.

#### **ETI Follow-Up Inspection**

The ETI Inspectorate will visit the school on Thursday 22 and Friday 23 February to carry out our follow-up inspection. As a whole school community we are very much looking forward to their visit so that we can showcase the school improvement work carried out over the last 2 years.



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### Founders Day

Our school heritage is very important to us here in St. Joseph's and on Monday 26 February we will be celebrating 'Founders' Day'. This is the day that we celebrate the Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Mary Religious Order as the founders of our school along with Fr Jean Gailhac who came from Beziers in France to set up a school in Lisburn. It is important that as a school community we recognise this day and celebrate what it means to be part of St. Joseph's.

### Confirmation

We are all looking forward to Confirmation which will be celebrated on Friday 9 March at 11am in St. Patrick's Chapel. Fr Colm McBride will officiate at the ceremony. As part of our preparations for the sacrament we would like to invite the parents of pupils in P7 making their Confirmation to a 'Service of Light' on Tuesday 27 February at 7pm here in the school. There will be a short meeting afterwards when we will share important information with you.

### What's happening next week?

Monday 19 February 2018	Tuesday 20 February 2018	Wednesday 21 February 2018	Thursday 22 February 2018	Friday 23 February 2018
<b>School Development day: School closed for pupils</b>	P4 Mrs Connolly at Linen Museum: WW2 workshop Pottery  P2 Miss Beatty P5 Mr Reid  P7 Shared Education with Harmony Hill Day 1 at Lisburn Racquet's Club 10am – 12noon  Tag Rugby for P7 Mrs McCambridge 1.45pm – 2.30pm: PE Gear  P4 – P7 Healthy Planning Session 2.15pm – 4pm  6pm Board of Governor Meeting	P5 at tennis  P7 Shared Education with Harmony Hill Day 2 at Lisburn Racquet's Club 10am – 12noon P4 – P7 Healthy Planning Session 2.15pm – 4pm	ETI Follow-Up Inspection	ETI Follow-Up Inspection  Hive Hackers with PWC in P6 Mr Gallagher and P7 Mrs McCambridge  P7 swimming  P6 badminton

On behalf of all the staff here we would like to thank you sincerely for all your support this term. We hope you all have a happy and safe mid-term and we look forward to another busy spring half-term. See you all on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February. Best wishes,

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