



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

*'Being the best that we can be'*

**Friday Note**

**Friday 23 February 2018**

**No.18**

**Looking back...**

### **Safeguarding & Child Protection**

It has come to our attention that there is a 'craze' in school for small magnets that can be used to stick on ears as fake earrings. However some pupils are putting them on their tongue. This is extremely dangerous as it could lead to choking. Please ensure that children do not bring these small magnets into school. Thank you.

### **LEPRA Fundraising Success**

We are delighted to be able to tell you that so far we have raised a total of £2105.11 for LEPRA. This is such an amazing amount and it is testament to the generosity of our whole school community. Thank you so much. Martina from LEPRA was overwhelmed by the amount and complimented our school and children when she visited us for both the assemblies and the LEPRA fun day.

### **Goodbye and Thank you**

This week we say goodbye to Mrs Julie Gordon, one of our classroom assistants. Julie has been covering Mrs Allen's maternity leave. We would like to thank Julie for all her hard work and commitment to ST. Joseph's and we wish her the very best of luck for the future. We are looking forward to welcoming Mrs Allen back on Monday 26 February.

**Looking ahead....**

### **Reporting to Parents**

We will be reporting on pupil progress to parents for the second time this year in the **week beginning Monday 12 March**. You will receive an appointment letter next week. We have endeavoured to facilitate parents who have more than one child at the school by timetabling consecutive meetings. To this end, changing the allocated time may prove very difficult, therefore I would ask that you try your best to come at the time below.

To facilitate these progress meetings, the school will close each day at 2pm. There will be no after school activities this week.

**Cool Kids needs to be booked in advance** for this week only so that we can ensure safe staff/pupil ratios. Please contact Mrs Noblett or Miss Gray.

### **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.



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### 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?

Good luck to our P4 and P5 drama group who have entered the Belfast Music Festival next week!

Monday 26 February 2018	Tuesday 27 February 2018	Wednesday 28 February 2018	Thursday 1 March 2018	Friday 2 March 2018
Mrs Fleming at CCEA	Mrs Fleming at CCEA	Mrs Fleming at CCEA	P3 Commitment Service at 11am in school assembly hall	Mrs Fleming at CCEA
P4 Mrs Connolly at tennis	P4 Mrs Connolly and Mrs Gould at pottery in Island Arts centre	P5 at tennis		P6 at badminton in Lisburn racquets' Club
Mrs Connolly: SENCO Development day: SUB: Mrs Twene	P7 Service of Light in school assembly hall at 7pm	P6 Mrs Hanna's class at Fair Trade Event in Wallace High School	Shared Education Day for P7 with Harmony Hill	P7 at swimming in Lisburn Leisureplex
Shared Education Day for P7 with Harmony Hill	P7 Mrs O'Hare tag Rugby (PE Gear)	Shared Education Day for P7 with Harmony Hill		Hive Hackers with PWC for P6 and P7
Mrs Hanna Shared Education Literacy Development Day SUB: Miss McNally	Mrs Hanna Shared Education Literacy Development Day SUB: Miss McNally	Mrs Gartland: PE and Active Lifestyles Development Day SUB: Miss McNally		Mrs O'Hare VP Development day SUB: Miss Leonard
Mrs Hanna Shared Education Literacy Development Day SUB: Miss McNally	P4 – P7 Healthy planning at 2.15pm – 4pm	P4 & P5 Drama group at Belfast Musical Festival in St. Bride's Hall.		
		P1 – P3 Healthy planning at 2.15pm – 4pm		

It's been a really busy few weeks here in St. Joseph's. I would like to thank all of our staff for their hard work, preparation and commitment to school improvement ahead of this week's ETI inspection. We will be able to give you feedback when the report is published in a few weeks' time.

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