

'Being the best that we can be'

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

Friday Note Looking back... Friday 6 October 2017

No.4

Good News!

I am delighted to be able to tell you that Charlie has shown small signs of improvement in the last few weeks. He has eaten a little bit and he has even been asking for his PlayStation! His teacher in school rang us this week to talk about our P4 topics so he will be going to school there too very soon. We are so pleased to be able to share this good news with you. Please keep praying for Charlie and his family as I know they deeply appreciate your thoughts and prayers.

Praise, Praise, Praise

Well...the compliments keep coming for our choir and orchestra's performance at the opening of the new CCMS Headquarters last week. This week, Noelle Buick, who is the Chief Inspector with the Education and Training Inspectorate (ETI) wrote to us saying, "I had the pleasure of listening to your school's choir ... Please pass on my congratulations to the children and their teacher on a brilliant performance! Once again well done to our choir and orchestra and thank you to Mrs O'Hare for preparing them so well!

£1 Coins

We would like to remind you that we will not be able to accept the old £1 coins from today Friday 6 October. Please ensure that only new £1 coins are used as payment after this date. Thank you.

Green School News

Eco Flag

Eco Flag judges will visit our school on Monday 9th October. Good luck to the Eco Team who have been working very hard over the past few years. Thank you to all our past Eco Members. Our Eco Code is 'Act Local, Think Global!'

Lisburn Food Bank

Thank you to Lisburn Food Bank who have donated cereals for our Breakfast Club.

Book Swap

Our book swap was a great success; this will be a monthly event. Bring a book you have read and swap it for another. Check future Friday note for dates.

Primary 1 Curriculum Meeting

Our Primary 1 Curriculum Meeting will be held on Tuesday evening at 6pm here in the school assembly hall. It is very important that at least one parent/guardian attends this meeting as important information about the year ahead will be shared.

Thank you

Thank you to Molly, Etain and Katie from P6 who raised £16.05 for Clic Sergeant last week. Well done girls. Unfortunately, I have had to say no to any more raffles etc at this point in time. If pupils can hold onto all their ideas, then we will use them during lent which is our main time for fundraising for charities. I hope you understand.

Reporting to Parents

*****Reporting to Parents Week beginning: Monday 23 October 2017*****

REMINDER: The school will close at 2pm each day to facilitate reporting to parents. There will be NO AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES that week.

Teachers have arranged their appointment times for the meetings which will take place in the week beginning Monday 23 October. Appointment letters will be sent out on Monday 9 October. Appointment times have been allocated to facilitate families so it will be very difficult to change these times. Thank you for your understanding.





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PTA News

Christmas Cards:

Don't forget to encourage your child to get working on their Christmas card design. All completed designs should be returned to your child's teacher by **Friday 13th October**. Please read the information about how to complete the design carefully. In a few weeks a sample of your child's card will be sent home with an order form. Please do not send in any orders or money until you receive the official order form.

Friday 13th October: PTA Coffee Morning in the Cool Kids Cabin from 9-10am

Come along to meet other parents, have a cup of coffee and a treat! Parents of children in all year groups are more than welcome, especially parents of our new Primary 1 children.

Tuesday 17th October: PTA meeting at 7pm in the school. New members and volunteers are more than welcome!

Looking ahead...

Post-Inspection Action Plan Review Meeting

On Thursday of next week, we have our third Post-Inspection Action Plan Review meeting. Coordinators with particular responsibility for the post inspection action plans will present evidence of improvement to representatives from our Board of Governors, Education Authority Officers as well as our CCMS Education Adviser. This is another step in the journey towards school improvement. I will fill you in on the progress in next week's Friday Note.

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Monday 9 October	Tuesday 10	Wednesday 11	Thursday 12	Friday 13
2017	October 2017	October 2017	October 2017	September 2017
Eco Schools Green	Pottery: P3 Miss	Transfer Club at 8am	Post Inspection	P5 Mrs Gartland
Flag Assessment at	Clarke & P6 Mrs	Mrs McCambridge	Action Plan Review	Parent Assembly at
9.30am: Mrs Gorman	Hanna	only	Meeting at 10am	9.30am
covering Mrs O'Hare				
am	P4 at SALTO	Mrs Fleming at CCEA	Flu Vaccination Day	
		Training	for staff only	PTA Coffee Morning
Lara McGlade on	2 x P6 and 2 x P7	_	-	9-10am (Cool Kids
work experience in	pupils at	Mindfulness for P7 at		Cabin)
P2CMcÂ	Meadowbridge	9.20 and 10.45am		
	Primary School Table			Safeguarding Team
Fitness Freddy	Quiz	Friends School pupils		Meeting at 8.30am
visiting classes at		delivering science in		8 0
12noon	SEN Development	P6 Mr Gallagher		Mrs Fleming at EA
	Day: IEP Review SUB			Training from 1pm
3pm: C2K training	for Mrs Connolly:	House Meeting at		8 1
for teachers on Using	Mrs Gorman	1.35pm		PTA Christmas
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assessment	Healthy Planning	Girls' Gaelic 1pm -		completed today
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Reporting to Parents	P4—P7	Dearg		
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out	P1 Curriculum	Healthy planning		
out	Meeting @6pm	session 2.15pm—4pm		
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		P1—P3		

Maths week Ireland begins on Monday 16 October. We will be celebrating all things mathematical here in school. It's another busy week next week so take time to read the Friday Note.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

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