



St. Joseph's Primary School  
42 Castle Street  
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## Friday Note

Friday 10 November 2017

No.8

### Looking back...

Thank you to members of our school choir who provided beautiful musical accompaniment at Eileen's Requiem Mass. Eileen's family and friends really appreciated the children singing. Thank you to Daire who presented the offertory. Thank you for all your kind thoughts and prayers at this sad time.

### Freddie Fitness

The pupils really enjoyed Freddie's annual visit to school before mid-term. Thank you so much to all of you as the event has raised over £2800 for school funds. Thank you! Please remember to send in any sponsor money.

### Road of Hope Shoeboxes

We were absolutely delighted to have collected 150 shoeboxes for our annual Road of Hope Shoebox Appeal. Fiona collected them on Wednesday and once again she was thrilled at the generosity of St. Joseph's. Check our Twitter feed for photos @stjosephlisburn

### Post-Inspection Update

This week we had a Literacy Collegiate Book Discussion where we shared a range of literacy books from all year groups. This proved to be a very positive experience for all teaching staff with a range of high quality learning experiences on display including:

- Contextualised grammar and punctuation activities
- A wide range of differentiation
- Marking for improvement
- Clear progression across the school in writing experiences.

Next Monday we will have our Collegiate Book Discussion for Mathematics. We'll update you next week on progress made.

### Looking ahead...

#### Anti-Bullying Week Monday 13 November – Friday 17 November 2017

Next week will be exploring anti bullying and focusing on care and respect for others. We will do this through workshops and assemblies. Please take time to talk to your child about the issues they have been exploring in anti-bullying and discuss the Care and Respect booklet. You will find the designated safeguarding teachers named in the booklet.

Events next week include:

- Tuesday: Ms T Gorman will deliver anti-bullying workshops in Primary 4 and Primary 5
- Wednesday: PSNI Community Police Officers will deliver workshops to Primary 4- 7
- Thursday: P1 - P3 Anti Bullying assembly
- Thursday: Ms T. Gorman will deliver anti-bullying workshops in Primary 6 and Primary 7
- Friday: Key Stage 2 anti-bullying assembly.

### Foundation Stage Literacy and Numeracy Workshops

If you have a child in Primary 1 and Primary 2 please come along to our Foundation Stage Literacy Workshop **this Tuesday at 6pm**. This will be a very practical workshop designed to help you support your child at home. We will also have a Numeracy Workshop later in the year on **Tuesday 30 January 2018 @6pm**

### P1 and P2 Christmas Concert

Our annual Primary 1 and Primary 2 Christmas Concerts will take place on Thursday 14 December and Friday 15 December at 9.30am. Tickets go on sale on Monday 13 November and will be limited to 4 per family until all families have been allocated. After that the remainder will be sold on a first come first served basis. Tickets cost £4 and CAN ONLY be purchased directly from the school office. Buy yours early so as not to be disappointed!



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### Christmas Carol Concert

We are looking forward to our annual Christmas Carol Concert in Lisburn's Island Hall on Tuesday 19 December. This is always a fabulous event and really does fill us with 'Christmas Cheer'. The following groups will be performing on the night:

- Both Primary 5 classes will present their own special version of the Nativity story
- Primary 5 – Primary 7 School Choir
- Junior Primary 4 Choir
- St. Joseph's Folk Group: Guitar, Flutes, Violins and P5 – P7 whistles
- Clarinet Group

Tickets will ONLY be available from the Island Centre Booking Office on the Island Centre website. Tickets cost £7 and will be available from **Monday 4 December**. Tickets are sold on a FIRST COME FIRST SERVED basis with NO LIMIT to tickets purchased so it is wise to make sure you purchase your tickets very early. Tickets normally sell out within 2/3 days of becoming available.

### What's happening next week?

Monday 13 November 2017	Tuesday 14 November 2017	Wednesday 15 November 2017	Thursday 16 November 2017	Friday 17 November 2017
<b>Anti-Bullying Week</b>  P1 and P2 Christmas Concert: Tickets go on sale today  Mr Gallagher at beginning Teacher Course SUB:Ms Gorman  3pm: Mathematics Collegiate Book Discussion	<b>Anti-Bullying Week</b>  Pottery for P3 Ms Kitt and P6 Mr Gallagher at Island Arts centre  Anti-bullying workshops in P4 and P5  Mrs Fleming at C2K training 12.30pm onwards  2.15pm – 4pm Healthy Planning session for P4 – P7  <b>Foundation Stage (P1 and P2) Literacy Workshop: Please come along and support this event!</b>	<b>Anti-Bullying Week</b>  Transfer Club at 8am (Mrs McCambridge only)  PSNI anti-bullying and online safety workshops in P4 – P7  Mrs Fleming at CCEA training  Mrs Connolly SENCO Development Day SUB: Miss McNally  P3 at tennis  2.15pm – 4pm Healthy Planning session for P1 – P3  Friends School Science Workshops for P6 Mrs Hanna's class	<b>Anti-Bullying Week</b>  Flu Vaccination for pupils  P1 – P4 anti-bullying assembly  Anti-bullying workshops for P6 and P7  Mrs Gould on CCEA ICT Training SUB: Miss McNally  PTA Meeting at 7pm	<b>Anti-Bullying Week</b>  Flu Vaccination for pupils  P5 – P7 anti-bullying assembly  P5 Swimming  P7 at badminton

The days are getting colder...please ensure all pupils bring their coats to school. Please ensure that all belongings are labelled with your child's name as well. Thank you!

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