



St. Joseph's Primary School
42 Castle Street
Lisburn
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'Being the best that we can be'

Friday Note

Friday 8 December 2017

No.11

Looking back...

Please pray for Charlie

Charlie has now been in hospital 135 days to date. He has suffered immensely but he continues to keep himself busy every day. Sometimes he does a bit of work with his teacher (if he is in the mood), he loves arts and crafts, joke writing and reading. Charlie has built every Lego model possible, and he is currently building Guggenheim museum and a Ninjago robot! Santa's elves came to see him this week and he had a web cam chat with Santa in the North Pole. He loves reading cards from his class and the nurses put up his jokes on their staff noticeboard every day! Cliodhna and Fintan feel huge support from our St Joseph's community and would ask that we continue with prayer for Charlie's recovery back to full health at home in Lisburn. As a whole school community and as we approach Christmas can we focus our prayers on Charlie and his recovery as well as on the wellbeing of Cliodhna, Fintan and Nancy in Bristol. Thank you.

Open Night

What a fantastic evening we had on Tuesday night as we showcased all that St. Joseph's has to offer to all our new parents. Our pupils were once again exemplary and excellent ambassadors for our school. Our folk group played wonderfully and our school choir were once again just outstanding. Thank you children. Parents, thank you for bringing them along to the open night as well. We are looking forward to welcoming all of our new pupils back to St. Joseph's in June 2018. If you could not attend the open night, please do phone the school and Mrs Fleming will be happy to show you around and answer any queries you may have.

Applications forms for Primary 1 2018 MUST be handed in before **12 noon on Wednesday 12 January 2018**. These must be accompanied by your child's birth certificate and proof of address if your child does not have a brother/sister at the school.

Christmas Dinner

The pupils enjoyed their Christmas dinner on Wednesday this week. Once again Louisa and the ladies in the canteen excelled themselves in providing a beautifully home cooked Christmas dinner with all the trimmings. We had crackers and Christmas music as well to enhance our lunch! Thank you to Louisa and her colleagues for all their hard work this week.

Annual Scholastic School Book Fair

Our annual book fair was once again a highly successful event. The hall was packed as pupils, parents and grandparents browsed the shelves for that special read. We must congratulate our Primary 7 pupils who ran the book fair completely independently as an enterprise. They were amazing in all their different roles....stock control, cashiers, customer advisers. Well done Primary 7. The book fair raised a total of £2360. This means that the school has £1461 to spend on reading material for classes. Thank you so much to everyone who supported the book fair.

Looking ahead....

Microsoft Office Free Download for pupils and parents:

With Christmas not far away, you may be planning to purchase new computers, laptops, iPads or tablets. But don't worry, there is no need to purchase Microsoft Office as it is **available free** for pupils to download using their C2k username and password on up to 5 personal devices.

Information on how to download Microsoft Office for free can be found on our website using this link:

<http://www.stjosephsschool.org/news/download-microsoft-office-for-free/>



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PTA News:

Christmas Bazaar:

We are so looking forward to a busy Christmas filled day today (Thursday) with our whole school trip to the panto 'Peter Pan' in the Grand Opera House and our Christmas Bazaar this evening. Please come along after you have picked up the children from the panto buses. There will be food available here in school so that's tea sorted and we have all our usual stalls including tombola, bottle stall, the rickety wheel and of course Santa himself will be here to see us and to find out what's on our Christmas lists. Please come along and support this event.

Thank you to everyone who has donated vouchers, prizes and for all your hamper donations. Hampers will be used as prizes on the rickety wheel and we will also be donating a number of hampers to Lisburn's St. Vincent de Paul in the coming weeks.

P1 and P2 Christmas Concert

Oh..... what a treat lies ahead for the parents, grandparents and families of our Primary 1 and 2 pupils next week. I have been having a sneak preview of rehearsals this week and they have really put a big smile on my face. The concerts take place on **Thursday 14 and Friday 15 December at 9.30am**. There are still a number of tickets left so please buy yours soon!

Road Safety Awareness

Can we ask drivers in the back car park to drive at a 'dead slow' pace...that is 10mph. This is essential both in the mornings and in afternoon collection. Please always ensure that your child has their seatbelt on before driving as well. Thank you.

What's happening next week?

Monday 11 December 2017	Tuesday 12 December 2017	Wednesday 13 December 2017	Thursday 14 December 2017	Friday 15 December 2017
	2.15pm Alana Willis (CCMS Education Adviser) Middle Management training at 2.15pm	P3 at tennis Ms Gibson at C2K training from 12.30pm St Vincent de Paul hamper collection P4 visiting Santa at Lisburn's Linen Centre	P1 & P2 Christmas Concert at 9.30am P3 visiting Santa at Lisburn's Linen Centre	P1 & P2 Christmas Concert at 9.30am P7 at badminton – last session today No swimming for P5

It has been a very busy week in St. Joseph's this week so the children are looking forward to the long weekend coming up. They keep telling me that snow is coming so if it does come...enjoy building snowmen!

See you all on Monday.

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