



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

### Friday Note

Friday 15 December 2017

No.12

#### Looking back...

#### What a start to the week...

Yes what a start to the week it was with the ice and snow. Thank you so much for your patience and understanding on Monday. As the top of the lane was so perilous we had to stagger the arrangements for pick up in order to ensure the safety of our pupils, staff and parents. Thank you!

Can I sincerely thank the staff of St. Joseph's for ensuring that all our pupils were able to get into school safely. It was a real team effort and I'm you, like me, sincerely appreciate it.

#### Please pray for Charlie

Last week we sent Charlie some little gifts from the school, including a beautiful poem 'If I could fly' by Jessica Shanley (P4) and a patchwork blanket handmade by Gillian Gowdy, our secretary with patches drawn by the pupils in his class. Charlie was over the moon to receive these gifts. Thank you primary 4 and Gillian.

#### *If I could fly...*

If I could fly, I would fly to Bristol to visit Charlie and fly into his window.

If I could fly, I would take Charlie back for a day and take him to school.

If I could fly, I would give Charlie Lego and sing him a song to help him.

If I could fly, I would give Charlie a hug and ask how are you feeling?

If I could fly, I would make Charlie laugh by tickling him with my wings.

By Jessica Shanley (P4)

Charlie's family have set up a Just Giving page to raise money for the children's charity Clic Sargent, Bristol. The school will be making a donation to the charity on all of our behalf at our annual Carol Concert next week but if you feel you would like to donate the link is:

[www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/charliecraig](http://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/charliecraig)

#### Primary 1 September 2018

Application 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. Our Open Night has passed but if you know anyone who would like to see around the school, they can phone the school to arrange a time and Mrs Fleming will be happy to meet them.

#### Christmas Bazaar

What a fabulous night last Thursday. It was a really exciting day for all of us as we ventured off to Belfast to the Panto and straight back to school for the bazaar! Louisa, our school cook's stew and hot dogs went down a treat! Thank you to everyone who came along to support the event and thank you so much to all of our PTA for working so hard to make it a success. The total amount raised on the night was an amazing £4200 but the expenses still have to be taken out of this amount. We will have a more accurate total next week.

We would like to thank the following people and companies for their very kind donations: SSE Arena – Aladdin Pantomime Tickets  
Belfast Giants – 2 sets of 2 tickets for a match, Fitzwilliam Hotel – Afternoon Tea for Two, Pond Park Pharmacy – £100 Marks and Spencer Vouchers, Magee Health and Fitness – 2 months membership for 2 people  
La Maison House of Beauty – Stress Recovery Massage, Shauna McAuley Hair – vouchers, Smyth's Toys – a selection of toys, Tayto Crisps – a year supply of crisps, Justin Tohill- iPad (BT) The Pheasant Restaurant – vouchers, Shannon's Jewellers – vouchers, Smyth Patterson – Galway Crystal Glasses, Dunmurry Dental Practice – Electric Toothbrush, Rose and Poetry – vouchers, Lisburn Leisureplex – vouchers, Kabuki Tattoo Studio-vouchers, James Bradley (parent) – signed Rio Ferdinand shirt, PJ Brogan Optometrists – Guess Sunglasses, McCalls Lisburn – vouchers, Woodsides – vouchers, Tesco- vouchers, Bow Lane Hairdressing – vouchers, Kathryn McLaughlin (parent) – St Joseph's Christmas decorations. We would also like to thank Sarah Nokes, Holly Rafferty and Tyler Hillier who came to help set up for the Bazaar. A big thank you from all of us here in the St. Joseph's community.



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### P1 and P2 Christmas Concert

Parents of Primary 1 and 2 pupils were thrilled and entertained yesterday with the first of our Primary 1 and 2 performances. It is such an achievement for children of this young age to perform on stage in front of a packed hall. Well done to all of them and thank you to our Primary 1 and 2 staff team for all their hard work and preparation. We do it all again today!

### 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/>

### Friday 22 December School Pick Up Details

The school will close for Christmas holidays on Friday 22 December with early closing. In order to ensure the safe pick up of pupils on that day the pick-up arrangements will be as follows:

- **All P1 – p3 children with no siblings in P4- P6 must be picked up at 11.45pm at their normal pick up point**
- **P4 – P7 pupils with siblings must be picked up at 12 noon at their normal pick up points.**

The school will reopen for pupils on **Tuesday 9 January 2018**.

### What's happening next week?

Monday 18 December 2017	Tuesday 19 December 2017	Wednesday 20 December 2017	Thursday 21 December 2017	Friday 22 December 2017
2.15 C2K and Inclusion and Diversity Service meeting Ms Beatty  Mrs Connolly: Annual Reviews  P6 and P7 choir carol singing in Lisburn city centre at 1.45pm	Registration Morning for Term 2 after school activities 8am in the school assembly hall  Annual Carol Concert and Nativity: 7pm in Lisburn's Island Hall	P3 at tennis (last session today)  P6 and P7 choir carol singing in Lisburn city centre at 10am  Choir representatives at Thompson House from 1.45pm – 2.45pm  Mrs McCambridge at Hive Hackers Information Session in PWC, Belfast from 1pm	P4 – P7 celebrate Christmas Mass in St. Patrick's Chapel at 10am  P6 and P7 choir carol singing in Lisburn city centre after Mass  P2 visiting Santa in Lisburn's Linen Museum	School closes for Christmas holidays: Please see above for pick up details.

Only 10 sleeps until Santa arrives. We all have to be very good at home this weekend! Have a lovely weekend.  
Pauline Fleming (Acting Principal)



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