



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

Friday Note

Friday 23 March 2018

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Looking back...

ETI Inspection Report

Hopefully by now you will have read our ETI Inspection Report. As you can imagine we are delighted that the report acknowledges the school improvement carried out over the last 2 years. We are very proud of the report here in school. I would like to thank all of the staff here in school for their hard work, commitment and determination shown in the last few years. Thank you parents for your continued support throughout this journey. It really is time to be proud of our pupils, parents, staff and whole school community once again. Thank you!

First Confession

We are so proud of our Primary 3 pupils this week as many of them made their First Confession on Wednesday. What a lovely ceremony it was. Thank you to parents and grandparents for joining us at this special time. Thank you to the Primary 3 team for preparing the pupils so well. A very special thank you to the Primary 3 pupils themselves for making this occasion such a memorable one for all of us. Well done! You have been excellent ambassadors for St. Joseph's!

Cross Country

Another great day for sport yesterday as Mrs Gartland took 17 representatives to the Billie Neill Centre for the Lisburn and Castlereagh Cross Country heats. As usual our pupils were excellent ambassadors for St. Joseph's. We had 3 pupils in the top 25 places who will go through to the Northern Ireland Heats: Anna Broderick (P6), Eve Watson (P7) and Jack McMahon (P7). Well done and congratulations to all of our pupils who participated in this event!

In the Net

On Tuesday of this week Primary 6 and Primary 7 pupils had a very special treat as they were able to watch a performance of 'In the Net'. This is a specially written play for primary school pupils about e safety and cyber-bullying.

Pope Francis' Message for Families

At Confirmation last week I noticed some words from Pope Francis in this special year of the family and I thought I would share them with you. Pope Francis has said that there are a few words that can make all our family lives better: **"Please, thank you and I'm sorry"**. We talked about this at assembly last week as we felt these three words would make life in the St. Joseph's family even better too. We are all going to try to use them more often in the coming weeks in school and at home.

Dinner Money Cheques

Please remember that from now on all dinner money cheques MUST be made out to Education Authority. All cheques for other payments can still be made out to St. Joseph's Primary School. Thank you.

Late Arrivals/Departures

We would like to remind you that if your child is arriving late into school or being picked up early, parents MUST come to reception and either SIGN IN or SIGN OUT. We are still experiencing some children arriving into school during the school day for example after a doctor's appointment and being dropped off at the top of the hill. As part of our safeguarding and child protection procedures this CANNOT happen. Children must be escorted by their parent to reception where the parent can sign the child into school. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.



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Looking ahead....

Holy Week

Sunday marks the start of Holy Week with Palm Sunday. Pupils will be learning about the specific Holy Week events throughout the week culminating in a special Easter assembly.

What's happening next week?

Easter Holidays

It's hard to believe that it's Easter already....especially when there were flakes of snow on the ground at the weekend! On Thursday we close for the Easter holidays.

Pick Up Arrangements for Thursday 29 March

In order to ensure the safe pick up of pupils from the school next week we will implement the previous arrangements as follows:

- All P1 – p3 children with no siblings in P4- P6 must be picked up at 11.30pm at their normal pick up point
- P4 – P7 pupils with siblings must be picked up at 11.45am at their normal pick up points

Monday 26 March 2018	Tuesday 27 March 2018	Wednesday 28 March 2018	Thursday 29 March 2018
8 weekly assessment week for P3 – P7 Mrs Connolly: SENCO Development Day: Annual Reviews: SUB: Miss McNally P7 Science Workshop at Linen Museum: 9.30am – 12noon Gaelic tournament at Kirkwoods with Mr Reid Literacy: Collegiate Book Discussion Board of Governor Meeting at 6pm	8 weekly assessment week for P3 – P7 P6 Science Workshop at Linen Museum: 9.30am – 12noon Pottery at Lisburn Island Arts centre for P7 Mrs O'Hare and P7 Mrs McCambridge Healthy Planning Session 2.15pm – 4pm for P4 – P7 Mrs Hanna meeting OUP Rep at 2.15pm	8 weekly assessment week for P3 – P7 P7 Science Workshop at Linen Museum: 9.30am – 12noon Healthy Planning Session 2.15pm – 4pm for P1– P3 House Meeting P6 Mrs Hanna Fair Trade Bake Sale in aid of Trocaire	8 weekly assessment week for P3 – P7 Holy Thursday School closes early for Easter holidays See pick up details above

Don't forget....the clocks go forward this weekend so bright nights to look forward to next week! Have a lovely weekend.

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