



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

'Being the best that we can be'

Friday Note

Friday 13 April 2018

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Looking back...

Welcome back after the Easter holidays. We hope you had a lovely break. I'm sure, like us, you can't believe it's the third term already. It's a long term too but a very busy one. Keep an eye on twitter, texts seesaw and newsletters for what's happening.

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.

New signs and flags around the school

I hope you have had the chance to spot a few new signs up around the school. We finally were able to get the Education Authority to put up our flag pole for us over the Easter break. We can now fly our ECO Flag with pride. It can be seen from the Queen's Road side. Once again thank you to Mr and Mrs Lynch for donating the flag pole to us.

We have celebrated our ETI inspection good news with two new signs at the top of the lane and on the carriageway. We have taken the key words from the inspection report and displayed them on the signs. A big thank you to Mr Grimley from Central Source for making the signs for us.

Trocaire Total

We are absolutely delighted to have raised a total of £2677 in our Lenten Campaign for Trocaire and other charities. This is an amazing amount of money especially in the current financial climate. The bun sales, bunny hops, danceathons etc really helped to boost the collection this year. Thank you!

Congratulations

Huge congratulations to Hannah Dougherty in p5 after she won the Peter Rabbit colouring competition with Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council. Hannah wins a party pass for ten friends at Lisburn Bowl and can't wait to share with her friends. Well done Hannah!

Arts Awards

Great news EVERY Primary 4 child who entered Arts Award passed their Discover Award. Well done to all of you. We are the only school in Northern Ireland who offer this award to primary school pupils. We are still waiting to hear about our Primary 7s.!

Kindness Club have been nominated for an "Everyday Hero Award." We'll keep you posted.

April is World Autism Awareness Month

Autism NI will be celebrating this month with a Making Sense of Autism' Family Fun Day at Lagan Valley Leisureplex on Saturday 21 April. Visit www.autismni.org for further details.

Looking ahead....

Small Change for a Big Difference Fortnight:

Monday 16th April – Friday 27th April

After the wonderful success of last year's campaign, the PTA have decided to bring back the Small Change for a Big Difference Fortnight. The prize for the winning class this year will be a tour of Domino's Pizza in Lisburn with delicious pizzas provided! During this fortnight each child is encouraged to bring in loose change and throw it in a bucket in their classroom. By the end of the fortnight the class who has collected the most money will win the fantastic prize. Every penny counts!

First Communion: Helpers Needed

Can you help us out on First Communion morning Saturday 12 May? We need help with setting up & serving 9am – 11am and cleaning up 11am – 1pm. If you can please leave your name with Julie in the office. Thank you!

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PTM and PTE Testing

During the month of May we will be testing all P3 – P6 pupils in Literacy and Numeracy using the standardised tests Progress Test Maths (PTM) and Progress Test English (PTE). These are computerised tests and will be administered in the ICT Suite in the following weeks:

Week beginning: Monday 30 April	Primary 6
Week beginning: Tuesday 8 May	Primary 5
Week beginning: Monday 14 May	Primary 4
Week beginning: Monday 21 May	Primary 3

As children will be completing these test on PCs with the use of the mouse we would advise that all children practise the use of the mouse over the next few weeks.

Headphones

Can you help us? Can you send in a pair of headphones with your child over the coming weeks? Please ensure your child's name is on them. They can keep them under their desks and use them in their ICT time in the ICT Suite or when they are using the iPad. They will also be able to use the headphones when completing the PTE and PTM tests in the coming weeks.

What's happening next week?

Primary 4 Breaking of Bread Service

We are looking forward to celebrating the Breaking of Bread Service with our Primary 4 pupils next Wednesday. This service is part of their preparation for their First Holy Communion on Saturday 12 May. Parents are all invited to attend.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME: We have changed the time of the service to 9.30am. We feel this will be better for parents if they have to get into work rather than taking up a big chunk of the day.

Monday 16 April 2018	Tuesday 17 April 2018	Wednesday 18 April 2018	Thursday 19 April 2018	Friday 20 April 2018
Small Change for a Big Difference Fortnight Shared Education Day: Miss McAnerney: SUB: Miss McNally Numeracy: Collegiate Book Discussion at 3pm Mrs Gartland & Mrs Fleming at Mrs Gartland's PQH Graduation ceremony	Small Change for a Big Difference Fortnight Pottery at Island Arts Centre for Primary 1 Ms Kitt at EA Course on The Arts. SUB: Miss McNally 2pm Mrs Connolly and Mrs Fleming at Holy Trinity Nursery	Small Change for a Big Difference Fortnight Primary 4 Breaking of Bread Service at 9.30am Miss McAnerney: EA Play based Learning Course: SUB: Miss McNally	Small Change for a Big Difference Fortnight Miss McAnerney: EA Play based Learning Course: SUB: Ms Gorman P5 Shared Education Trip with Largmore PS	Small Change for a Big Difference Fortnight P6 at swimming

I hear there is some warmer weather on the way next week....we will enjoy that. Don't forget girls can now wear their summer dresses if they would prefer and boys can now wear shorts.
Have a lovely weekend.



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