



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

Friday 20 April 2018

No.23

Looking back...

P4 Breaking of Bread Service

What a lovely service we had here in school as our Primary 4 children celebrated their Breaking of Bread Service in preparation for making their First Holy Communion on Saturday 12 May. The children read and sang so well and were so reverent throughout. Thank you parents for coming along to the service and thank you to Mrs Connolly, Mrs Gould, Mrs Law and Mrs Allen for preparing the children so well. Please keep all of our First Communicants in your prayers in the weeks ahead as they prepare to celebrate this very special sacrament.

New Breaktime for P4 – P7

As part of our ongoing review of procedures in school we have introduced a new break time for P4 – P7 pupils. We now have a staggered break time in place with P1 – P3 pupils having their break at 10.25am – 10.40am and P4 – P7 having their break at 10.45am – 11am. This means the older pupils have a longer morning session first thing which is extremely useful for teaching and learning. As well as this the pupils have a lot more space to play. It all appears to be going very well so far!

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.

Holidays for 2018/2019

The holidays for 2018/2019 have now been ratified by the Education Authority and are now on the school's website for your information.

Administering Medicine

From time to time it is necessary for children to have medicine in school. We MUST have parental permission to do this. Parents must sign this permission form at the school office and hand the medicine directly over to an adult within the school. Pupils are STRICTLY NOT permitted to carry medicines. Parents MUST come to collect the medicine at the school office at the end of the day.

Cześć (Hello)

Our language of the month this month is Polish and we celebrated in style with the children sampling polish delights during Breakfast Club. In May we will be focusing on France, its language, culture and food.

Looking ahead....

After School Clubs Availability

There are still places available in: Labrats (P4 – P7), Monkeynastix (P1 – P3), Art Club on Wednesday (P4 – P7), Miniversity (P1 – P3) and Gardening/Eco Club (P4 – P7). Contact Miss McAnerney @ cmcanerney449@c2kni.net

Small Change for a Big Difference Fortnight:

Monday 16th April – Friday 27th April

We continue with our 'Change for Change Fortnight' next week. Classes have already collected a lot of change with Miss McAnerney's bucket being completely full by Tuesday morning! Fantastic! Please send in all your loose change as every little helps and the winning class will receive a tour of Domino's Pizza in Lisburn with delicious pizzas provided!

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!

Gartan 2018

The countdown is on for our Primary 7 residential to Gartan Outdoor Education Centre in Donegal. In order to help parents prepare for the trip we will have a short meeting on **Tuesday 1 May at 8.30am** in the school assembly hall. We will provide you with lots of important information about the trip so it is vital that one parent attends.

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Sports Days

This term we will host sports days for Foundation Stage, Key Stage One and Key Stage Two. The dates for these are as follows:

- Foundation Stage (P1 & P2) Wednesday 23 May 2018 @ 9.30am
- Key Stage 1 (P3 & P4) Wednesday 30 May 2018 @ 9.30am
- Key Stage 2 (P5 – P7) Wednesday 6 June 2018 @ 9.30am

As always these dates are weather permitting. We will text you in the event of any sports day being postponed due to adverse weather.

Headphones

Don't forget to send in a pair of headphones with your child if you can. Please label as well. Thank you.

What's happening next week?

P4 Tennis

P4 start tennis on Wednesday up at Wallace Park Tennis Dome. Pupils can wear their PE gear into school on this day. This begins 5 weeks of tennis and the cost of each session is £2 so £10 in all. The full £10 can be paid in advance to your child's teacher.

P1 September 2018

Next Thursday I will send out 60 letters to the parents of our new Primary 1 pupils for September 2018. This year we were oversubscribed as a school and we had to apply the school's criteria. Parents should complete the acceptance slip and return immediately to the school office. We look forward to meeting all of our new Primary 1 pupils and parents as part of our induction process in May and June.

Monday 23 April 2018	Tuesday 24 April 2018	Wednesday 25 April 2018	Thursday 26 April 2018	Friday 27 April 2018
Small Change for a Big Difference Fortnight Term 3 after school activities start today Shared Education Development Day: Miss McAnerney: Miss McNally (Rescheduled from last week) P6 at Pollinators Workshop in Castle Gardens ICT Training for teaching staff: Google Classroom 3pm – 5pm	Small Change for a Big Difference Fortnight Pottery at Island Arts Centre for Primary 1 Shared Education Development Day: Miss McAnerney: Miss McNally (Rescheduled from last week) Mrs Fleming at EA LMS Meeting at EAHQ at 9.30am	Small Change for a Big Difference Fortnight P4 at tennis in Wallace Dome Mrs McCambridge and Miss Clarke at Collaborative Learning Online Shared Education Course	Small Change for a Big Difference Fortnight Mrs McCambridge and Miss Clarke at Collaborative Learning Online Shared Education Course P1 September 2018 letters go out today Mrs Fleming at CCEA training	Small Change for a Big Difference Fortnight P1 on their school trip to Clementsmount Farm P6 at swimming

Have a lovely weekend.

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