



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

'Being the best that we can be'

Friday Note Looking back...

Friday 4 May 2018

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Sr. Mary

Sr. Mary has played such a crucial role here in St. Joseph's over the last number of years developing the Catholic Faith in hundreds of children along the way. We ask you to please remember Sr. Mary in your prayers at this time.

PTA News:

Change for Change:

What an amazing campaign we had! The PTA are overwhelmed with the success of the campaign with a fabulous total of £1,668 being raised in total. It was a very close competition but congratulations to the winning class, P3 Miss Clarke, who raised a fantastic £352. They are so excited and can't wait to go on their trip to Dominos at the end of May! The PTA provided all classes with lovely little pizza sweets for taking part with such great enthusiasm.

Thank you so much for all your support. We would also like to thank Dominos for donating the great prize and the Ulster Bank for helping us to count and lodge all the money!

With the money collected, we are very close to being able to purchase another CleverTouch Smart Board for the school.

PTA Quiz Night:

Unfortunately the PTA have had to reschedule the Quiz Night which was planned for Friday 18th May. A new date will be organised for September 2018.

Fun Run:

The PTA are entering a team into the Lisburn Fun Run this year on **Wednesday 20th June**. Application forms and further information will be sent home next week.

House of the Month

The House of the Month for April is Vincent. House members will be treated to chocolate brownies and juice courtesy of Louisa in the canteen on Friday! Well done Vincent!

Cancer Focus Workshops

This week classes participated in workshops with staff from Cancer Focus. These workshops focussed on healthy lifestyles and wellbeing. Genevieve the Goat even made an appearance too!

Looking ahead....

World Meeting of Families

As you may already know the World Meeting of Families (WMOF) is due to take place in Dublin from 22 – 26 August. This will be a wonderful opportunity for Irish families and families around the world to celebrate, talk about and reflect on the theme 'The Gospel of the Family: Joy to the World'. The first three days, Wednesday to Friday, will consist of a Congress, and will be made up of workshops, discussions and social events. A full programme of activities and fun events will be available for children (4-12 years) and young people (13-17 years) to enjoy.

On the Saturday evening, there will be a 'Festival of Families', led by Pope Francis in Croke Park, during which families from across the world will share stories and experiences about living the Christian life in the modern world. On the Sunday afternoon, in Phoenix Park, Pope Francis will be the main celebrant at the Final Mass. Both of these events are free-ticket events. Everyone wishing to attend either of these weekend events with Pope Francis, must register on-line at www.worldmeeting2018.ie

If you register to attend one day of the Congress you are guaranteed a ticket for the Final Mass. If you register only for the Final Mass itself, tickets will be provided subject to availability. More information about ticket distribution will be made available in the coming weeks and published in parish bulletins. In St. Joseph's teachers will be focusing on the theme of families in the coming months during religion lessons and assemblies.



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Gartan 2018

We are so excited about our upcoming trip to Gartan. Thank you to the parents who attended the meeting this Wednesday. Please send all completed forms to your child's teacher as soon as possible. All medication **MUST** be given directly to Mrs Fleming by parents (NOT PUPILS) before Friday 18 May.

School Dinners

In recent months the numbers attending school dinners has decreased. Louisa in the canteen has asked me to remind all parents that we have home cooked school dinners prepared on site in our canteen. A nutritious and wide ranging menu is available and can be accessed on the school website. A number of pupils who are entitled to free school meals are currently not taking school meals. I would encourage all pupils who are entitled to free school meals to avail of this hot dinner in school.

What's happening next week?

What a busy week it is next week with our Primary 7 show on Thursday evening and First Communion on Saturday. It will be such a lovely celebration of all that is great about St. Joseph's.

Aladdin

Thursday at 7pm in Lisburn's Island Hall. There are still a few seats left in the balcony if you would like to go and see this amazing show. All pupils will have the chance to see the dress rehearsal on Thursday. We will have an early lunch for everyone and the show will start at 12.30pm. All pupils will be back in time for their normal pick up arrangements.

First Communion

On Saturday 12 May many of our Primary 4 pupils will make their First Communion in St. Patrick's Church at 10am. We are looking forward to celebrating this sacrament as a whole school and parish community. Please pray for all of our Primary 4 pupils as we look forward to this event.

Monday 7 May 2018	Tuesday 8 May 2018	Wednesday 9 May 2018	Thursday 10 May 2018	Friday 11 May 2018
May Day Bank Holiday: School closed	PTM and PTE Testing for Primary 5 Shared Education Day for Primary 3: in Lisburn Racquets' Club 10am – 11.30am YMCA Shared Education Day for Primary 5 with Largymore Primary School in St. Joseph's 10.45 – 11.45 CEFR Development Day: Miss Beattie SUB: Miss McNally P4 – P7 Healthy Planning 2.15pm – 4pm Ms Gorman Arts Award Moderation	PTM and PTE Testing for Primary 5 P4 at tennis in Wallace Dome P6 Titanic Trip Shared Education Day for Primary 3: in St. Joseph's, Harmony Hill and Castle Gardens 9.30am – 11.30am P1 – P3 Healthy Planning 2.15pm – 4pm	PTM and PTE Testing for Primary 5 Aladdin in Lisburn's Island Hall at 7pm Dress Rehearsal for all pupils at 12.30pm Miss McAnerney: Shared Education Course: Playful learning SUB: Ms Gorman	PTM and PTE Testing for Primary 5 P6 at swimming Olympic Handball finals 9.30am – 12.30pm P7 at Bee Safe Event in RADAR Centre in Belfast Shared Education Day for Primary 3: in St. Joseph's and Harmony Hill 9.30am – 11.30am Mrs Fleming and Mrs O'Hare at Shared Education Action Planning Day in EA

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend. See you all on Tuesday!
Pauline



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