



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

*'Being the best that we can be'*

**Friday Note**

**Friday 22 December 2017**

**No.13**

**Looking back...**

### **Christmas Carol Concert**

On Tuesday evening we celebrated Christmas with our Annual Carol Concert in Lisburn's Island Hall. This was such a wonderful celebration of the season. Over 160 pupils took part in this fantastic event. Our choir and musicians entertained us in the first half of the show while Primary 5 took to the stage to perform their own unique take on the nativity 'The Christmas Factor' in the second half. Once again our children were exemplary in their performance throughout the evening. Thank you children.....we are very proud of you.

A sincere thank you to all of the staff who helped prepare the children for their performance in music and drama as well as all of the staff who came along on the evening to help out. Once again a St. Joseph's team effort.

### **Charity Donations**

The entire St. Joseph's community has excelled itself in its donations to charity this year. Our raffle at the Carol Concert was a huge success raising over £700 and our choir have collected over £600 in just 2 days of carol singing! Just amazing! As you know we present our cheques at our Annual Carol Concert in Lisburn's Island Hall. Our December Value of the Month is 'Charity' and we have shown this value remarkably this month in making the following charitable donations:

Clic Sargent (Bristol)	£1000	Trocaire	£500
Tuesday's Child	£250	Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Mary	£250
St. Vincent de Paul	£250	Macmillan Cancer	£400
Positive Futures	£250	DePaul	£250
Fr Charles, Malawi	£250		

This is an unbelievable total of £3400. We are so delighted that our motto, "We care so we share" is still alive in our school even in this very difficult financial climate. Thank you so much to you for your kindness and generosity.

### **Sporting Activities in Term 2**

We are so very lucky here in St. Joseph's to be located so close to a wide variety of specialised sporting facilities. In Term 2 pupils in Primary 5, 6 and 7 will have the opportunity to participate in different sports as follows:

<b>P5</b>	Tennis on Wednesdays from Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January for 6 weeks	£12
<b>P6</b>	Badminton on Fridays 8 sessions	£2 each/£16
<b>P7</b>	Swimming on Fridays 10 sessions	£2.20/£22

If pupils have our PE uniform, then they can wear it into school on these days. **P3** have 2 weeks of tennis owed to them from Term 1. These have been rescheduled for Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January and Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January



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### Primary 1 September 2018

Application forms for Primary 1 2018 MUST be handed in before **12 noon on Wednesday 10 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.

### House of the Term

Congratulations to our house of the Term 'Vincent' who had their termly treat on Wednesday. Well done Vincent!

**Looking ahead....**

**Please note the school is closed for pupils on Monday 8 January as it is a Staff Development day. School reopens for pupils on Tuesday 9 January 2018.**

### What's happening in the first week back in January?

Monday 8 January 2018	Tuesday 9 January 2018	Wednesday 10 January 2018	Thursday 11 January 2018	Friday 12 January 2018
School Development Day for staff.  School closed for pupils	School reopens for pupils	12 noon: Closing date for P1 applications for September 2018  P5 tennis begins at Wallace Park Tennis Dome  Mrs O'Hare VP release – Sandra McKeown	December Awards Assembly  P3 Ms Kitt's class at Lisburn Linen Centre workshop from 9.30am – 1pm: pupils need to bring a packed lunch  Literacy Lesson Observations: Joint Lesson Observations with Mrs Anne Hanna, Literacy Coordinator and Ms Jill Garland (ETI District Inspector)	December Awards Assembly  P7 begin swimming today  P6 begin badminton today  P3 Miss Clarke's class at Lisburn Linen Centre workshop from 9.30am – 1pm: pupils need to bring a packed lunch

Only 3 sleeps now.....

On behalf of the staff and governors of St. Joseph's Primary may I take this opportunity to thank you for all your support this term and wish you and your families a very happy and peaceful Christmas and a prosperous new year.

Best wishes,

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