



St. Joseph's Primary School  
42 Castle Street  
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BT274XE

*'Being the best that we can be'*

**Friday Note**

**Friday 9 March 2018**

**No.19**

**Looking back...**

### **Confirmation Day**

Today is Confirmation day in the Parish of Blaris. Our Primary 7 pupils will be confirmed by Fr McBride this morning in St. Patrick's. This really is a special day for both our pupils and their families as they receive the gift of the Holy Spirit marking a transition in their faith journey. We send them all our very best wishes and prayers on this occasion. Thank you to Mrs O'Hare, Mrs McCambridge, Mrs Trowlen and Mrs Jordan who have prepared them for this sacrament this year and to all the staff of the school who have strengthened their faith journey across their seven years here in St. Joseph's.

### **Parent Representative on our Board of Governors**

I would like to let you know that Mrs Ciara Lagan has been elected as Parent representative on our Board of Governors. I would like to thank Ciara along with the three other nominees, Denise McCay, Stephen McCormick and Kathryn McLaughlin for their interest and support for the school in putting themselves forward for this election. Thank you all for voting as well. It is heartening to us all as a school community to see the increased interest and engagement from you as parents. Thank you.

### **P3 Commitment Service**

On Thursday of this week primary 3 celebrated their Commitment Service ahead of making their First Confession later in the month. Well done to all our Primary pupils who behaved so reverently during the service.

**Looking ahead....**

**Reporting to Parents\*\*\*\*\*Reporting to Parents Week beginning: Monday 12 March 2018\*\*\*\*\***

REMINDER: The school will close at 2pm each day to facilitate reporting to parents. There will be NO AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES next week.

### **Pick Up arrangements**

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 1.45pm at their normal pick up point**
- **P4 – P7 pupils with siblings must be picked up at 2pm at their normal pick up points**

### **Hive hackers Awards Ceremony**

We are really delighted to have been involved in this fantastic project along with PWC. P6 and P7 pupils have been working on some very challenging coding and numeracy tasks for the past number of weeks and this will conclude next week with a lovely awards ceremony in PWC headquarters in Belfast on Monday! Well done P6 and P7 and enjoy the day!



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### Celebrating St. Patrick and St. Joseph

We will be celebrating our patron saint, St Patrick and our school's St. Joseph with Mass in St. Patrick's Chapel on Thursday 15 March at 10am. Please come along and join us then if you can.

### Employability Fair

We are currently investigating the possibility of holding an 'Employability Fair' for Primary 6 and Primary 7 pupils. We would like to invite you as parents to come into school and talk about your job in the same way as a 'Careers fair' at a post primary school. We know you are a very talented bunch out there with a wide range of varied and different careers. We want to see all types of jobs represented for all our pupils. If you are interested can you please email me at [pfleming930@c2kni.net](mailto:pfleming930@c2kni.net). We are looking at a date after Easter for the fair but we will confirm at a later date. Looking forward to hearing from you.

### What's happening next week?

Monday 12 March 2018	Tuesday 13 March 2018	Wednesday 14 March 2018	Thursday 15 March 2018	Friday 16 March 2018
<b>REPORTING TO PARENTS: SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 2PM</b>  PWC Hive Hackers Award Ceremony for P6 Mr Gallagher and P7 Mrs McCambridge  Mrs O'Hare: Shared Education Development Day: SUB: Miss McNally	<b>REPORTING TO PARENTS: SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 2PM</b>  P6 Mr Gallagher at Lisburn Library: Please bring your library card  Mrs O'Hare: Shared Education Development Day: SUB: Miss McNally  Boys Gaelic Football at Musgrave from 1.10pm – 3pm  P7 Mrs O'Hare tag Rugby (PE Gear)	<b>REPORTING TO PARENTS: SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 2PM</b>  P6 Mrs Hanna at Lisburn Library: Please bring your library card  Mrs O'Hare: Shared Education Development Day: SUB: Miss McNally	<b>REPORTING TO PARENTS: SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 2PM</b> Mass for St. Patrick and St. Joseph's day at 10am in St Patrick's Chapel	<b>REPORTING TO PARENTS: SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 2PM</b>  P7 at swimming in Lisburn Leisureplex

Thank you once again for your understanding and patience during the recent snow days. I think the bad weather is well and truly behind us and Spring is on its way. Have a lovely weekend.

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