



St. Joseph's Primary School  
42 Castle Street  
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*'Being the best that we can be'*

**Friday Note**

**Friday 16 March 2018**

**No.20**

### **Looking back...**

#### **Confirmation Day**

We had such a lovely day last Friday as we celebrated Confirmation in St. Patrick's church. Fr Colm McBride celebrated the ceremony along with Fr McCaughan and Fr Magorrian. Our Primary 7 pupils were exemplary once again in being ambassadors for St. Joseph's. We were all so very proud of them. We hope that you will remember Fr Colm's meaningful words as you make your transition to post-primary school. You have now received the gift of the Holy Spirit, remember that the Holy Spirit is the most powerful force in the universe and that you can pray to him at any time.

Thank you to parents and sponsors for celebrating with us last Friday and thank you very much to our Primary 7 team here in school for helping to prepare our pupils for this very special sacrament.

### **Reporting to Parents**

This week you will have had the chance to meet with your child's teacher and talk about their progress in school. We hope you found these meetings useful. Thank you for coming along. Thank you to all of our teaching staff for preparing and delivering these meetings so professionally.

### **P5 Bun Sale in aid of Trocaire**

Well done to Mrs Gartland's P5 class who raised a total of £257.53 on Tuesday with their bun sale in aid of Trocaire!

### **Hive Hackers**

This week P6 Mr Gallagher and p7 Mrs McCambridge classes visited PWC HQ in Belfast for the official Hive Hackers Awards Ceremony. This marked the end of the 8-week ICT Coding and Numeracy project supported by PWC and delivered by Mrs McCambridge and Mr Gallagher. Well done to Aoife, Ronald and Lucy from P7 for delivering an excellent presentation about the project on the day! Once again thank you P6 and P7 for being super ambassadors for St. Joseph's!

### **Dinner Money Cheques**

Please remember that from now on all dinner money cheques MUST be made out to Education Authority. All cheques for other payments can still be made out to St. Joseph's Primary School. Thank you.

### **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.

### **Looking ahead....**

#### **YMCA Shared Education Project**

We are delighted to be involved in a YMCA Lisburn Shared Education Project with Largymore Primary School. This project will involve Mrs Gartland's Primary 5 class working with a Primary 5 class in Largymore Primary School over the coming months and into the start of Primary 6. The work will involve single identity workshops as well as paired workshops. Themes covered will be identity, conflict and resilience. We feel this will be so beneficial to these P5 pupils and are delighted to be involved. The project will begin after Easter.



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### Holidays 2018 - 2019

Holidays for 2018 – 2019 have yet to be approved by our Board of Governors and ratified by EA but at the minute it looks like pupils will have a week off at Halloween (Week beginning Monday 29 October), 2 weeks off at Christmas (School closing on Friday 21 December and pupils returning on Tuesday 8 January) and 1 week off at February mid-term (Week beginning Monday 18 February 2019). We know sometimes parents like to book holidays ahead and we thought it would be useful to let you know. We will confirm all dates with you when holidays have been ratified by EA.

### 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 19 March 2018	Tuesday 20 March 2018	Wednesday 21 March 2018	Thursday 22 March 2018	Friday 23 March 2018
<b>School closed for St. Patrick's day Bank Holiday</b>	<p>P6 Mr Gallagher at Lisburn Library: Please bring your library card</p> <p>Mrs O'Hare and Miss McAnerney : Shared Education Development Day: SUB: Miss McNally and Mrs Twene</p> <p>Pottery at Lisburn Island Arts centre for P4 Mrs Gould and P4 Mrs Connolly</p> <p>'In the Net' Play for P6 and P7 pupils from St. Joseph's and Knockmore Primary School in assembly hall at 9.45am</p> <p>Tag Rugby for P7 Mrs O'Hare</p> <p>Mrs Fleming at CCMS Conference from 12.30pm onwards</p> <p>Healthy Planning Session 2.15pm – 4pm for P4 – P7</p>	<p>First Confession in St. Patrick's Church at 10.45am</p> <p>P6 Mrs Hanna at Lisburn Library: Please bring your library card</p> <p>Mrs O'Hare and Mrs Gartland: Shared Education Development Day: SUBS: Miss McNally and Mrs Twene</p> <p>Healthy Planning Session 2.15pm – 4pm for P1 – P3</p>	<p><b>Primary 6 Transfer meeting at 6pm in assembly hall</b></p> <p>Cross Country Athletics Event at Billie Neill Centre Comber</p>	<p>P7 at swimming in Lisburn Leisureplex – last session</p> <p>Mrs Fleming and Mrs Gartland at YMCA Shared Education Meeting at Largymore primary School at 11am</p> <p>Mrs Fleming at Education Authority Finance Engagement Event in Lisburn Civic Centre from 3.30pm onwards</p>

Look out for texts/tweets alerting you to Trocaire fundraising events in the coming weeks. Have a lovely weekend.

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