









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

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Friday Note Looking back... First Communion Friday 18 May 2018

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What a beautiful day we had last Saturday on First Communion Day! Our pupils were exemplary throughout the service; responding and singing so well. We were all very proud. Thank you to our entire Primary 4 team for preparing the children so well.

Once again we served refreshments in the Pastoral Centre and thanks to our amazing PTA and volunteer parents, the organisation was clockwork precision! Thank you to Frances for leading the troops and to all our parents for giving up their Saturday morning.

Thank you to all our St. Joseph's staff who came along to support our pupils on the day! Once again we were a very proud school community.

Aladdin

Once again we were extremely proud of our Primary 7 pupils last Thursday night as they put on a fabulous performance of Aladdin! It was simply spectacular and demonstrated skills and abilities way beyond those normally associated with 10/11 year olds. I have received so many comments, emails and cards from parents, grandparents and friends of St. Joseph's in praise of the show. One person emailed me saying:

"I often heard of the fantastic talent in St. Joseph's, however nothing could have prepared me for what I witnessed! Never before have I seen P7 children perform at such a high level. The whole musical was flawless!"

What a tribute and so very well deserved by our Primary 7 pupils. Well done!

Sr. Mary

It was a sad occasion on Monday evening as the Parish of Blaris paid tribute and showed their appreciation for Sr. Mary. We are very thankful to have had a special relationship with Sr Mary for the last 23 years. We will keep her in our prayers in the weeks ahead as she settles in her new home in Waterford.

Sporting Success!

Congratulations to our P6 Olympic Girls Handball Team who retained the title once again of Lisburn and Castlereagh Borough Council champions. The girls had played lots of matches over three days to make it to the final day. They then had to compete against 3 other teams and in a tense penalty shoot-out, overcame Pond Park to face St. Joseph's Carryduff in the final of finals! The girls won 2,0, displaying some excellent passing skills, defensive work and determination. The boys team played their best handball to date but were just one goal short in their bid to reach the final of finals. The boy's title went to St. Joseph's Carryduff. Our P7 teams will be in action in the next few weeks so we wish them luck and as always will keep you posted on their progress.

Patience is a virtue!

I have recently received a number of calls about what could be viewed as 'unreasonable' behaviour' at the top of the lane and in the back car park. I acknowledge that parking can be problematic at times around the school at drop off and pick up times but I would like to appeal to all parents, grandparents, carers, childminders to have patience at these times. Please remember that there are children around and we really do not want them to witness this kind of behaviour. Thank you.



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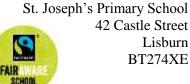












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Looking ahead....

Sports Days

Yes it's that time of year when we tempt fate with the weather and try to run our sports days. The sports days are divided into Foundation Stage (P1 and P2), Key Stage 1 (P3 and P4) and Key Stage 2(P5, P6 and P7) with the dates as follows:

Wednesday 23 May @ 9.30am Foundation Stage

Wednesday 30 May @ 9.30am Key Stage 1 Wednesday 6 June @ 9.30am Key Stage 2

Post-Primary School Allocation

Tomorrow, our Primary 7 pupils will find out which post-primary school they have been allocated. Placement letters will be sent directly to parents from the post-primary school. The EA will once again provide a helpdesk on Saturday 19 May 2018 between the hours of 3.30pm and 5pm which parents can contact in the event that they do not receive a placement letter from the post primary school which has selected their child for admission. The EA will write to parents of pupils who have not yet been allocated a school

The helpdesk number is 028 2566 1379.

NB: The helpdesk will not have information on the post primary placements of pupils who hold a Statement of Special Educational Needs as these pupils are placed in schools via a separate process managed by Special Education.

To our Primary 7 pupils, we wish you all the very best tomorrow. We want you to know that you have been exemplary pupils in every way this year and in all your years in St. Joseph's. Tomorrow marks the beginning of a new chapter in your life journey. We are confident that you will take all the skills and knowledge you have gained here in St. Joseph's and use them to enhance all your experiences in your new school.

What's happening next week?

Monday 21 May 2018	Tuesday 22 May 2018	Wednesday 23 May 2018	Thursday 24 May 2018	Friday 25 May 2018
PTM and PTE Testing	PTM and PTE	PTM and PTE	PTM and PTE	PTM and PTE Testing
for Primary 4	Testing for	Testing for	Testing for	for Primary 3
J 1	Primary 4	Primary 3	Primary 3	
P2 at Linen Museum				Mr Gallagher's Parent
Workshop on Spring	Pottery for P7 at	Foundation Stage	P7 Mrs	Assembly at 9.30am
Flowers 9.30am –	Island Arts	Sports Day from	McCambridge at	-
11.45am	Centre	9.30am	De La Salle	P7 Mrs O'Hare at De La
			Pastoral Centre	Salle Pastoral Centre for
Shared Education	Shared	Shared Education	for their	their transition retreat
Development Day: Ms	Education	Development Day:	transition retreat	
Kitt SUB Miss McNally	Development	Miss Clarke SUB		P6 at swimming
	Day: Ms Kitt	Miss McNally	Mrs Fleming at	
Maths Training for EA for	SUB Miss		GDPR Seminar	P2 school trip to Spruce
P1 – P4 teachers 2.15pm	McNally			Meadows
– 4pm		P4 at tennis in	ICT Classroom	
	P ₅ /6 Soccer	Wallace Dome	Observations:	ICT Classroom
P7 Athletics at Mary	Tournament at		Mrs Gould SUB	Observations: Mrs Gould
Peter's Track	Glenmore		Mrs Twene and	SUB: Mrs Twene
- 44.5	1.35pm – 3pm		Mrs O'Hare SUB	Mrs Crilly at Global
-,			Ms Gorman	_
-				Ms Gorman
3pm	7pm			
P5/6 Soccer Tournament at Glenmore 1.35pm – 3pm	PTA Meeting at		Ms Gorman	learning course: SUB Ms Gorman

The sun is still shining so have a lovely weekend......Pauline



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