











St. Joseph's Primary School
42 Castle Street
Lisburn
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Friday Note

Friday 25 January 2019

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Looking back....

Primary 1 Digital Applications

Applications for places in Primary 1 in September 2019 are now open. If you have a child for Primary 1 in September 2019, please complete the online application before the closing date of Thursday 31 January at 12 midnight. Once the online application is completed then you need to drop in your child's birth certificate and proof of address. **Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like any further information or support in the application process.**

Looking ahead.... Primary 7 Transfer Test Results

Tomorrow many of our Primary 7 pupils who sat Transfer examinations in November will receive their results in the post. We wish them all the very best for tomorrow and we ask them to remember that tomorrow's result is not a measure of who they are or what they can become in the future, it is only the measure of how they performed in one test on one day! Please remember that I along with Mrs O'Hare and Mrs McCambridge are extremely proud of all of you as Primary 7 pupils and ambassadors for our school. There is the right school for everyone and we know all of you will fulfil your potential wherever you go in September! Next week I will be meeting with the parents of all our Primary 7 pupils to complete their post-primary school choices. I look forward to meeting you all.

Catholic Schools Week

This Sunday marks the beginning of catholic Schools Week. The theme of the week this year is 'Celebrating the work of our local Catholic Schools.' Each day next week has a special theme and pupils will have the chance to explore the theme in Religion lessons throughout the week. The themes are as follows:

Monday Living TraditionTuesday Welcoming Diversity

• Wednesday Grandparents' Day

• Thursday In Service of our Community

• Friday Supporting Faith

We will also be celebrating at a whole school level with the following events:

o Tuesday 29 January 2019

Mass for Catholic Schools Week in St. Patrick's Church at 10am Please come along if you can to celebrate with us.

o Thursday 31 January 2019

Miss McAnerney's Parent Assembly at 9.30am. Parents of pupils in Miss McAnerney's class are invited along to this assembly.

o Friday 1 February

Mr Reid's Parent Assembly at 9.30am. Parents of pupils in Mr Reid's class are invited along to this assembly.

Dinner Menu: Next week is Week 4 of the new menu. Follow this link for details:

http://www.stjosephsschool.org/cmsfiles/items/downloads/doclett-20190108223415-9995/St%20Joseph's%20PS%20Lisburn%20Choice%20Menu%20Jan%202019%20(002)%20(1).pdf





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Sporting News

On Friday, our P6 Olympic handball girls and boys are out for the first day of the LCCC P6 League. We have had great success in this league in previous years so hopefully we will again have both teams qualifying for the final. There are 10 players allowed in any one day on each team, and Mrs Gartland had great difficulty selecting a squad of boys as they are all very talented, however, some boys will get the chance to play the first day and others the second day as this was the fairest way. Congratulations to all 10 girls (captained by Maria McLorinan) who made the squad, the 10 boys playing this week (captained by Dylan O'Hare) and the 3 boys who will get their chance in day 2 in March. Your enthusiasm at lunchtime practise each day has been just brilliant. Next week we will share the result of day one so fingers crossed.

Our four wall handballers will also be competing over the next 2 weeks in the Antrim Schools singles and doubles competition, we wish them luck.

Holidays for 2019/2020

We are awaiting EA ratification of our 2019/2020 holidays but for those of you who may be thinking of heading away at mid-term next year, I can confirm that our Halloween break is 1 week. We finish school on Friday 25 October and return on Monday 4 November. Our February mid-term is also 1 week, we will finish on Friday 14 February and return to school on Monday 24 February. We will post our confirmed holidays on the website as soon as they are ratified.

St. Patrick's Toddler Group: The toddler group at St Patrick's Parish Centre would like to encourage all parents with a toddler to go along on a Tuesday morning from 10am - 12noon. There's lots for your little one as well as a cup of tea and a chat for yourself.

What's happening next week?

Monday 28 January 2019	Tuesday 29 January 2019	Wednesday 30 January 2019	Thursday 31 January 2019	Friday 1 February 2019
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK	CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK	CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK	CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WE EK	CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
Mrs Fleming completing transfer interviews with	Mass for Catholic Schools Week at 10am in St. Patrick's Church	Mrs Fleming completing transfer interviews with parents of Primary 7	Miss McAnerney's Parent Assembly at 9.30am	Mr Reid's Parent Assembly at 9.30am
parents of Primary 7 pupils Planner 5 begins	Mrs Fleming completing transfer interviews with parents of Primary 7	pupils Mrs O'Hare: Shared Education	Mrs Fleming completing transfer interviews with parents of Primary 7	St Brigid's Day Mrs Fleming completing transfer
P4 Mrs Connolly's class visit Lisburn Library: Don't forget your library ticket	pupils P2 Shared Education Contact Day with Harmony Hill Primary	Development day: Sub: Miss Teague Pottery for P4 Mrs	pupils Primary 1 Digital Admissions closes at 12 midnight	interviews with parents of Primary 7 pupils Primary 7 swimming
3pm CEFR Assessment	School at Global Adventures, Ballynahinch	Hanna's class and P6 Mrs Gorman's class		Primary 6 badminton

Have a lovely weekend. Pauline





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