



'Being the best that we can be'

Friday Note

Friday 11th December

No. 15

Dear Parents,

Well, Mrs O'Hare, Miss Gray and Miss Grant have had the week of their lives as they rehearsed, recorded, rehearsed and re-recorded!! The Christmas concerts have been superb and the talent on show quite extraordinary!

We also had our P1 Nativity this week and they were brilliant. Beautiful singing, serious dance moves and the obligatory tea towel on the head of the shepherds ensured the cute factor went through the roof! Miss Beattie, Mrs McManus, Mrs Noblett and Mrs Toman are very proud of them all.

Primary Admissions

The Open Enrolment process for entry to Nursery and Primary 1 in September 2021, starts on the 7th January 2021. A new tab on our website will signpost you to all relevant information, including our prospectus and admissions criteria.

<https://www.stjosephsschool.org/p1/>

As stated before, new parents are welcome to make an appointment with the Principal in advance of the EA portal opening.

Pupil illness and attendance

As a school, we encourage full attendance at all times. Taking days off for minor ailments should be discouraged as we try to foster good habits for life.

In saying this, however, given the time of year and the prevalence of coronavirus, we would encourage you to err on the side of caution in the coming weeks. The infographic below is guidance from PHA and may be useful as a reference point at this time.

Do I need to keep my child off school?



Chicken Pox Until all spots have crusted over	Conjunctivitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Diarrhoea & Vomiting 48 hours from last episode	Glandular Fever No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Hand, foot & mouth No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Impetigo Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Measles or German Measles 4 days from onset of rash	Mumps 5 days from onset of swelling	Scabies Until after first treatment	Scarlet Fever 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	Slapped Cheek No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Whooping Cough 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Flu Until recovered	Head Lice No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Threadworms No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Tonsillitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed		



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Little Creepy Visitors

There have been a few reports of little creepy visitors to children's heads in the last few weeks. It might be a good idea to do a few 'head checks' over the weekend. If your child has long hair, please ensure they wear it back in a pony tail. Please don't be afraid of letting us know if your child has a few visitors as this information is always treated confidentially.

PTA Christmas Ballot:

There was a tremendous effort on the part of our PTA in organising this year's Christmas Grand Draw. There was some mild annoyance that the legendary rickety wheel didn't appear but it hasn't gone away, you know! Our draw took place yesterday evening and can be viewed on the PTA Facebook page. Congratulations to all our winners and thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket and donated prizes. We are very fortunate to have such support.

The list of winners were;

Kindle Fire 10 Tablet and Amazon Voucher: Ilona Bozthe-Aszalos (sold by Kinga P4)

£100 Smyth Patterson Voucher: T Herbert Fox (sold by Jude P4)

£100 Tesco Voucher: Ava Bond (P1)

Kindle Fire 8: Shea Mallon (P6)

Tom Ford Sunglasses: Tom Martin (sold by Hannah P2)

Four Ball at Down Royal: Mark Kerr (sold by Orlaith P2)

Fusion Boiler Service: Scarlet Sanaghan (P1)

Luxury Alcohol Hamper: D. McCutcheon (sold by Kaitlin P7)

£50 McCalls Voucher: Erin Rose O'Neill (P3)

Bonka's Sweet Hamper and Smyths Voucher: Matthew Ferran (P2)

£35 Berry's Butchers Voucher and Hamper: Lucia Breslin (sold by Aoife P5)

Photography Voucher by Mark McGrogan: Robbie McNally

Tesco Hamper: Ella Bond (P3)

LeisurePlex Voucher: Erwin Garbin (sold by Madison P3)

LeisurePlex Voucher: Eloise Dempsey (P1)

£20 Del Toro Voucher: Mandy Flavin

£20 Del Toro Voucher: Cate McQuade (sold by Ameile P2)

£20 Primacy Meat Voucher: Lee-Anne Jess (sold by Jack P2)

£15 Dough Bros. Voucher: Andrew Breslin (sold by Erin P2)

Michaelangelos Pizzeria Voucher: Lisa Feeney (sold by Conor P3)

Toy Hamper: Kelsey Davies (P1)

Pamper Hamper: Cailah Sloan

Sweet Hamper: Anna Zabicka (sold by Maja P3)

Sweet Hamper: Tierna Plumb (sold by Oisín P2)

Box of Tayto Crisps: William Lovell (sold by Texas P3)



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Virtual Christmas Concerts

What fun we had this week, recording our virtual talent show and Christmas Concert. More details to follow on how to view these and the release date! In the meantime, here is a sneak peek preview of some of our acts.



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Special thanks

Over the last couple of weeks, we have been indebted to the assistance of a very dear school friend. Damien French is well known to most of you and since mid-November he has been helping us each morning in the absence of other staff. We would like to take this opportunity to wish Damien a very happy Christmas.

If you are out and about this morning, you might just happen across our merry troops as we embark on our Eco-Council inspired sponsored walk and sing-along. The only condition, if we cross your path, is that you join us for a few verses of a Christmas favourite!

Barry McMahon
Acting Principal

**"The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud, for all to hear."
Buddy the Elf**



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