



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

Friday Note

Friday 18th December

No. 16

Dear Parents,

After the Executive announcement last night, we are still unsure of the exact implications for schools. We hope that we will reopen as planned but there has been no consultation with schools as of yet. As soon as we have clearer guidance, we will be in touch and set to work preparing for an exciting new term, regardless of how it may look.

Donation to Fr Charles

Fr Charles has been a very dear friend of St. Joseph's since Mrs Gough became the Principal in September 2000. Fr Charles is a priest in Bangwe Catholic Parish in Malawi and every year at Christmas and Lent, we have continued to send him a donation from our charity funds. This year he really needed this donation badly as the impact of Covid-19 has devastated his parish. On 12 December, he celebrated his Silver Jubilee with the Archbishop of his diocese. Here is just a little flavour of how needed your donation is.....

I would like to most sincerely thank you all at St Joseph School for the financial support. I know every time money is sent to me you make great, great sacrifices and may God continue to bless you all for your very kind and generous hearts. I wish this money helped me purchasing an automatic car but it's very expensive as it will need more than £3000. Cars are very expensive here. But this money has come at the right time with the Jubilee Celebrations around the corner this coming Saturday. There are a few things that need money and this will indeed help me such as transport for people from home to the Cathedral, food etc. Thank you really so much.

I would like to wish you all over there a Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year of 2021. May God continue to keep us all safe and protected.

I am glad to tell you I am able to say mass for the parishioners in church. May God's name be always praised.

Fr Charles Manyenje.

ST MICHAEL'S BANGWE CATHOLIC PARISH

Trocaire

Wow!!! Thank you so much for your generosity for our sponsored walk for Trocaire. We raised over £1,500 and counting.... We have bought so many gifts for families in need. We would like to thank the Eco-Council who promoted the walk and designed posters for each year group. Well done everyone and what a brilliant time we all had singing as we went!!

A special well done to those boys and girls who donated their own money to charity at Christmas time - you really are helping people in need.

Year Group	Collecting for..	
P1	Chicks (£7)	We bought 38 chicks
P2	Seeds and Tools (£10)	We bought 6 tool kits
P3	School Kit (£20)	We bought 4 school kits
P4	Goat (£40)	We bought 8 goats
P5	Trees (£75)	We bought 3 trees
P6	A Safe Home (£125)	We bought almost 2 safe homes (one class only)
P7	Ox Plough and Farming Tools (£175)	We bought 2 ox ploughs and farming tools.



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Christmas Jumper Day 2020



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Christmas Concert

The link to our Virtual Christmas Concert will be shared with you all today. There are two acts to watch and enjoy, with a run time of just under an hour. The link will take you to a YouTube page - this link is only shared with you. The concert cannot be accessed unless you have the link.

Thank you to all our acts for their hard work. It was lovely to do something to share with you this Christmas. We can not wait to get our full choir together again to perform for you all. Happy Christmas from our entire music team who worked on the recording and editing - thank you to Courtney Burns (soloist and violin teacher), Martha Grant (folk group and flute teacher) and our very own Miss Gray for all their hard work.

Return to school

At this stage, school will reopen on Wednesday 6th January. This will be a normal school day, keeping in mind our staggered times.

Contact details

The week before Christmas has shown just how important it is that contact details remain up to date. If any of your email or phone details need updated, please call the office at your earliest convenience.



Barry McMahon
Acting Principal

“Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let every new year find you a better man.”
— Benjamin Franklin



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