



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

## Friday Note

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

No. 7

Dear Parents,

In an ideal world our politicians and civic leaders would be setting an example to the rest of society. So, as Donald Trump continues to plumb new depths in moral decency, it is left to our children to raise our spirits! In this strange existence of 2020, it seems to be our children who are leading by example and this week we had the opportunity to celebrate the virtues of our St Joseph's pupils through our virtual assemblies.

I was delighted to present the various awards and recognise the magnificent efforts of the children in their pursuit of excellence. Well done everyone!

### First Holy Communion

Our first Primary 5 class get to celebrate their First Holy Communion tomorrow morning. On behalf of the whole school community I would like to extend our blessings as they celebrate this wonderful occasion.

### Cool Kids

Cool Kids is operating really well with children enjoying their playtime together in their bubbles. We would appeal to parents to ensure that Cool Kids is booked in advance as a number of children are turning up daily without having places booked. We need advance booking so that we can staff the service appropriately. All places in Cool Kids can be booked through Schoolmoney.

Breakfast Club must be booked by emailing Mrs Noblett at [enoblett238@c2kni.net](mailto:enoblett238@c2kni.net). Thank you.

### P7 Parent Teacher Consultations

Next week Mrs O'Hare and Mrs Fleming will meet parents for parent teacher consultations. Due to the current restrictions, these meetings will look and feel very different to previous years. Please follow the following guidance to ensure the safety of all:

- Only one parent should attend each meeting
- Parents should wear a face covering/mask
- Parents should only enter the school via the front door at reception
- Parents should sanitise their hands at the station in reception and make their way to their child's classroom for the allocated time
- Each meeting can only last 10 minutes so Mrs O'Hare and Mrs Fleming will time each meeting. This allows them time to sanitise the desk and chair before the next meeting

Thank you for your understanding at this time.

### Barnardo's

Barnardo's in conjunction with EA have launched a brand new emotional wellbeing service – 'See, Hear, Respond.' This service will work with children and young people in Northern Ireland who might need additional support to cope with the Covid-19 pandemic, offering practical and therapeutic support. It will also offer advice and guidance to any adults who are concerned about a child's mental health and wellbeing.

Families in Northern Ireland can now self-refer online at <https://www.barnardos.org.uk/northern-ireland-see-hear-respond> or call 0800 157 7015 available from noon until 7pm, Monday to Friday.

### School Fund

There is now an option within School Money to make a voluntary contribution towards our school funds. COVID-19 has brought increased financial burden on many households, therefore I stress that this is a voluntary contribution.

We thank you in advance for any contribution.



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### Awards Assembly

Despite a few technical glitches, our P4 – 7 classes were able to take part in our first ever virtual assembly.

Our P1 – 3 assembly will take place later this morning.

Despite everyone viewing from their classroom, it is important that we get together on occasions like this to celebrate the St Joseph's family beyond our 'bubble'.

Keep an eye on our website later this afternoon for photos and a copy of the assembly.

### October Value of the Month - Courtesy

#### The week ahead – 5/10/20

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
IFA coaching P5-7	P3SC Art & Wellbeing Day with Mrs Gorman  Music tuition - clarinet	Music tuition – violin	P3BG Art & Wellbeing Day with Mrs Gorman  Music tuition – flute  P5/6 – Basketball at Lisburn Racquets Club	

*Good luck once more to Miss Smyth's wonderful P5 class. We hope you have a lovely day tomorrow and treasure the memories of your Communion day. Fr McCaughan was so impressed during the week with your maturity and readiness for this sacrament.*

*To everyone else, we wish you a relaxing weekend!*

Barry McMahan  
Acting Principal

**“Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world.”**

**Nelson Mandela**



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