



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

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December

No. 14

Dear Parents,

As temperatures drop, it is important that pupils are well wrapped up for winter. The fact that our classroom windows remain open for ventilation means that the school is quite cold and pupils have been told that they can and should layer up.

Also, a reminder that the *school is closed on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December.*

## Primary Admissions

The EA Portal for Primary Admissions will open on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January. We will update our website soon with important information and relevant links.



## Pre-School and Primary School Admissions take place online



The Online Portal will open on  
7 January 2021 and close on 29 January

Regularly updated information and guidance  
will be provided to parents by the EA and schools  
over the coming weeks and months

For help and advice, parents/ guardians can contact our Admissions Helpdesk via email:  
[preschooladmissions@eani.org.uk](mailto:preschooladmissions@eani.org.uk) or [primaryadmissions@eani.org.uk](mailto:primaryadmissions@eani.org.uk)

## Post-Primary Admissions

Primary 7 parents have already been informed of the move to digital admissions this year. There has been some communication from local post-primary schools and, given the fact that Open Days are not allowed this year, many schools will conduct virtual tours. Keep an eye on the websites of local schools in the coming weeks.

## Virtual Book Fair

A huge thank you for supporting our Virtual Book Fair. Total sales reached a very successful £924 of which 60% can be spent on books for our school! Your support is very much appreciated!



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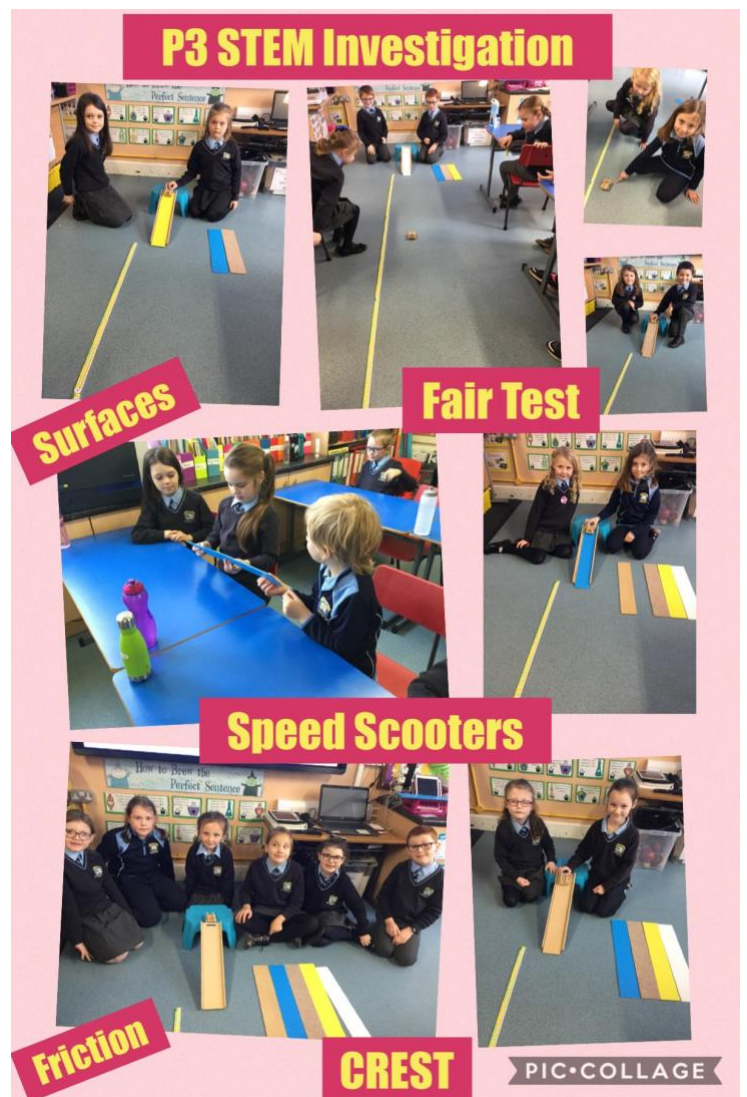
**PTA Christmas Ballot:**

There has been a great uptake so far with our ballot tickets. To be in with a chance of winning one of the fabulous prizes on offer, make sure your ballots are returned by Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December. If you require more tickets, simply request from class teacher.

The Christmas Ballot Draw will take place on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December. Further details to follow.

**STEM and Crest Awards**

This year we are having so much fun carrying out our STEM activities and CREST awards. Miss Clarke's P3 class had great fun testing which surface allowed the car to travel the furthest. The children designed their very own fair test, tested the surfaces, recorded their results and made conclusions. Well done P3. STEM learning even retweeted our post and commented.



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P5 conducted a fair test to find out which bird food our local bird visitors liked best - mealworms or seeds. We then used our new school binoculars to watch the different types of birds that fed at our feeders. There were three very popular visitors. We have identified these as the great tit, coal tit and grey squirrel!



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### Virtual Christmas Concert

Recording is underway for our Christmas concert - thank you so much to every child who took part in our Christmas talent show, and to our audience members who showed so much support. It's lovely to see the children's classmates cheer each other on. Performing for peers is so difficult, and this week we were very impressed with every child who tried their very best. We will feature some acts in our concert and combine other acts to form even bigger groups - just like 'Little Mix' and 'One Direction'.

### Christmas Hampers

A huge thank you for your generous donations to our Christmas Hamper appeal. St Vincent DePaul sent their warmest blessings and wished for their gratitude to the school community of St Joseph's to be shared with you all. Our value of the month is charity. In this appeal, we are not only helping those in gravest need, but also sharing a valuable ethos with our children. Thank you.

### Christmas Party Day

Our Christmas Party Day will take place on Friday 11<sup>th</sup>. Pupils can wear their Christmas jumpers...as can parents! Pupils can avail of party food from the canteen on this day which can be eaten back in class while watching a Christmas movie.

Our ECO Council have earmarked this day for a special fundraising event....

*An 'Eco way' to raise money at Christmas!*

*Each class will raise money for special Trocaire gifts and raise money for our local charities. On 11<sup>th</sup> December we will take part in a Christmas Sponsored Walk.*

Year Group	Sponsored Walk Route	Collecting for..
P1	Castle Garden 9:30 am	Chicks (£7)
P2	Castle Gardens 11am	Seeds and Tools (£10)
P3	Wallace Park 9:30am	School Kit (£20)
P4	Wallace Park 11am	Goat (£40)
P5	Lagan Towpath 9:30am	Trees (£75)
P6	Lagan Towpath 11am	A Safe Home (£125)
P7	Lisburn Town 9:30am	Ox Plough and Farming Tools (£175)

*Each class will walk together and may even sing some carols as they go! We will all be outdoors and will be wearing our Christmas jumper that day. We are encouraging the older children to donate some of their own money and you can sponsor your child too.*

*A bucket will be in your child's class so the donation amount is totally anonymous.*

*Thank you and Happy Christmas from the Eco Team*



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**The week ahead – 7/12/20**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
IFA coaching P5-7 Engage Programme (Mon-Thurs)	School closure	GAA Coaching (Paul Law) – P2, P3 & P4  Talent show recording	PTA Christmas Draw	Sponsored Walk  Christmas Party Day

*I look forward to seeing you all in your finery next Friday for our Christmas jumper day. If you're out and about you might even hear our merry troops as we take part in our sponsored walk around Lisburn.*

Barry McMahon  
Acting Principal

**“Charity, like the sun, brightens every object on which it shines.”**  
Confucius



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