



St. Joseph's Primary School
42 Castle Street
Lisburn
BT274XE

'Being the best that we can be'

Friday Note

Friday 27th November

No. 13

Dear Parents,

And it's December! Christmas is on at St Joseph's and nothing will stop us getting into the festive spirit...even the rumours of early closures!! In all seriousness, this is all just rumour and we are unaware of any plans to close early. As always, if we hear anything, we will inform you immediately.

Mobile Phones

Please remember that pupils are not permitted to bring mobile phones into school at any time. If a pupil needs to bring a phone into school, this MUST be by prior arrangement between parents and the Principal. Once this arrangement has been made, pupils should hand in their phone to the Principal in the morning and pick up again at home time.

St. Joseph's got the Christmas Sparkle

What an amazing array of talent on show this week as we held our Key Stage 2 talent competition. We had joke tellers, musicians, footballers, magicians, singers, soloists, gymnast, dancers, poetry recitals.... We are aiming to film our work on 2nd December.

Here's a little taster of what we've got in store...



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Christmas party day

Our Christmas party day and Christmas jumper day has been moved forward to Friday 11th December.

Concert recording

2nd December - filming groups for our Christmas Concert

P4 Mrs Connolly - Mrs Connolly will send costume details home via SeeSaw.

Folk Group and P6 & P7 choir please wear jeans and a Christmas top / Jumper.

P5 - individuals will be notified for filming this week and also on 9th December.

We cannot wait to see our finished concert.

Digital Book Fair

Today is the last day to get your order in from our book fair. Some great titles this year to stimulate young minds!

<https://www.stjosephsschool.org/news-/news/st-josephs-digital-book-fair/>

Open Night

Filming has been completed for our Open Night video. The final edit should be ready in early December. We can't wait to see how our school has been captured on film!

Also, a reminder that new parents to the school, or first time parents, **may make an appointment** to visit and speak to the Principal or Vice-Principal.

Hamper Collections

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to our Hamper collection this year. Our P7 pupils and Mrs Law have been so busy getting these ready.

Technology update

We just learned this week that we are to avail of a PC replacement scheme. Our old PC units will be replaced in the coming weeks with new, more capable machines.

Alongside this, the school has been earmarked for fibre broadband installation and again, this will be completed in early December.

Both of these developments will only serve to enhance the quality of learning and teaching already in place at St Joseph's.

Eco Council

Well done to our amazing Eco Team who met this week to discuss how we can raise money for charity. The children have spoken at our virtual assembly and have let the classes know what gifts they can buy for charities. Our charity work will begin next week when we raise some much needed funds for local and global charities.

On Thursday the children went on a 'litter pick' around Lisburn with Mrs Hunter and Mrs McKeown. The children are now encouraging the council to help tidy the waste area at the top of our lane. The rubbish always ends up in our science garden, so we would really like to try to get that area tidied.

Well done, Eco Council!!



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CREST/STEM
Check out this great work from P5CK as they investigated how to make nests.



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PTA Christmas Ballot:

We will be holding our annual Christmas Ballot again this year. Ballot books will be sent home with each child on Monday. £1 per ticket, £5 per book.

There are lots of great prizes to be won!

- 1st Kindle Fire 10 Tablet and Amazon Voucher
- 2nd £100 Smyth Patterson Ltd. Voucher
- 3rd Kindle Fire 8
- 4th Tom Ford Sunglasses
- 5th Four Ball at Down Royal
- 6th Boiler Service from Fusion
- 7th Luxury Alcohol Hamper
- 8th £50 McCall's Voucher
- 9th Sweet Basket from Bonka's and Smyth's Voucher

Plus, lots more!!

There will also be a prize for the children who sell the most ballot tickets!

The draw will take place on 10th December and can be watched on our PTA Facebook page.

The week ahead – 30/11/20

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
IFA coaching P5-7 Engage Programme (Mon-Thurs)	Art/Creative Voices – P5CK Talent show recording	GAA Coaching (Paul Law) – P2, P3 & P4 Talent show recording	Art/Creative Voices – P5SG PTA Zoom meeting at 7:30pm	P5ES – tin whistle P5CK - tin whistle

We'll finish with a quote from the one and only, Diego Maradona. It serves as a reminder that pursuing the simple things in life is rewarding and good for us. Find your ball and run with it!!!

Barry McMahon
Acting Principal

**"To see the ball, to run after it, makes me the happiest man in the world."
Diego Armando Maradona (1960 – 2020)**



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