



Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends of St. Joseph's,

Thank you for supporting all of our Christmas events. We have enjoyed preparing for the festive holiday with your children, it has been a very busy month as you will see! Can we take this opportunity to thank you all for your patience and understanding in light of recent events at the school. Your messages of support really meant a lot to us. We wish you a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

The Sacramental Programme has been agreed with the parish and is as follows-

P3 Sacrament of Penance (First Confession)



30 Jan 2020 6.30pm Parent meeting in parish centre

2 Feb 2020 11am Enrolment service in church

24 March 2020 at 1.30 Sacrament of First Penance. Children will be collected from school at 12.00 and should come to the church with their parents.

P4 Sacrament of First Holy Communion

3rd Sunday of each month after enrolment, Special Sunday masses for First Communion children 11am in the church



13-14 May Confession before the Sacrament, 6-7pm in St Joseph's Church

16 May 11am First Communion

Sunday 14 June 11am Corpus Christi Mass – Children to attend in First Communion outfits

P7 Confirmation

23 Jan 2020 6.30pm Parent meeting in Parish Centre



9 Feb 2020 11am Commitment Service in Church
Further details to follow when dates received from the parish office.

MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER/COMMUNITY/SHARED EDUCATION

Well done to the children who took part in the Council's Carol service as part of the MFT choir. Here are some of them pictured with the host Claire McCollum!



Thank you to the PSNI who came to talk to us about stranger danger in this busy time leading up to Christmas. We look forward to hearing from them in the New Year about internet safety and a special visit to P.2 when they will be 'interrogated' about their role as 'People who Help Us!!' P.2s can come up with some tricky questions!



Well done to P.3 who worked with their friends from Greystone P.S. to showcase their topic of 'Celebrations' for their parents. Thank you to all the parents who attended and made the event so special.

2020 ADMISSIONS TO P1

It was lovely to welcome parents to our open night in school, Parents have been enquiring if they can come and see the school during the day as they may have missed open night. We will therefore be hosting an open afternoon on the 10th January 2020 of any nursery parents who have been unable to attend in December. To facilitate this, pupils will finish at 1pm instead of 2pm on this day. Wraparound will be operating as usual.

Remember, all applications have to be made online at www.eani.org.uk between 7th and 30th January 2020 and birth certificates brought in to the first choice school.

VISITORS!

The P5 class have some unusual visitors to see them last week- a range of animals to complement

their Living Things Topic. We had a python, centipede, frog lizard and even an owl to name a few! Well done to the children who were so careful in handling the creatures! The cold blooded creatures really did feel cold to the touch!!



PTA

Many thanks to the PTA and all volunteers who helped with our Big Breakfast Fry Up! May we take this opportunity to thank all of the businesses who sponsored us with food for breakfast or prizes for the raffle! Thanks also the PTA of Carniny P.S. who gifted us with 10 books for the library to show support after our recent electrical difficulties!!



CHRISTMAS EDITION GOOD NEWS!

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Well done to the boys from P5/7 who performed with the Central Area Concert Band at the Antrim Forum- you were all amazing!!



Well done to Carys from P1 for coming first in her dancing feis! Great job!!

Congratulations to all of the children who were graded in their Judo class in December, some of them are shown below- well done everyone!



Congratulations to Erin Winters on her recent success at the Trampoline competition held in the Antrim Forum this month.



Well done to the choir who attended rehearsals for the Peace Proms at Queen's in Belfast!

Congratulations to all of the children from P1, 2 and 3 who performed for their parents in the Parish Centre. They were so confident and we just thought they were amazing!



A big well done to all of the children who attended the carol service from P2-P7- you sang beautifully and really helped us to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. Many thanks to all the families who came to support us given the week that we had! A special mention to the wonderful instrumentalists and of course the P.4s who retold the story of the First Christmas so well.



Please look out for our regular texts for reminders and notifications of new events as the next term progresses.

Tuesday 7 January 2020 School reopens for all pupils. Flu Vaccine will take place on this day.



