



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

We hope you are having a good start to 2020

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

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

P3 Sacrament of Penance (First Confession)



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

9 Feb 2020 11am Commitment Service in St Joseph's Church



24 March 2020 7pm Service of Light in St Joseph's Church

3rd April 1pm Confirmation in St Joseph's Church

2020 ADMISSIONS TO P1

It was lovely to meet parents and prospective P1 pupils at our open morning and. If anyone still needs to see us feel free to phone the office for an appointment.

The online portal is now closed so any parents requiring a P1 place for September 2020 should call

to the school for a paper application form and remember to bring birth certificates to the first choice school.

MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER/COMMUNITY/SHARED EDUCATION

The Primary 5 classes are currently working with their Shared Education partners on Greystone learning about their topic 'Technology Through Time'. Keep an eye on seesaw for lots of updates as the topic progresses!

PTA

The next PTA event is the Starbucks quiz on 11th February- please see the attached PTA newsletter.

Remember that this is one for the whole family, children are all welcome- have a family or friends team all for a bit of craic! We look forward to seeing you all then.



GOOD NEWS! rtreacy776@c2kni.net



Thank you to all of our Grandparents and friends who attended our special celebration for Catholic Schools

Week. We loved performing for you all and hope you had a great morning!

Well done to the P6 classes who will be working on the Young Enterprise Business Programme this term. We can't wait to see their business ideas and supporting them in their sales- watch this space for future developments!



Thursday 6th February is the 100th Day of school and classes will be engaging in activities around the number 100- make sure to ask your children about their events and watch out for seesaw posts!



Dates for Your Diary

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

Afterschools activities- ongoing

1. **Fun with Drums is continuing on Tuesdays until the 11th February 2020**
2. **Fresh Little Minds Afterschools group will run the next part of their programme all day on Monday 17 and Tuesday 18 February during mid-term break in school. Please remember to bring a packed lunch.**
3. **Nerf /Dodgeball Afterschools will continue weekly until week beginning 25th March 2020**



11 February is Safer Internet day and the PSNI will be speaking to all of our P6 and P7 Classes on Tuesday 12 February. Please monitor children carefully online!

Mon 17 Feb- Fri 21 Feb School closed for mid-term, EXCEPT for children attending Fresh Little Minds and the Activity NI Half term summer camp!

Mon 17-Tues 18 Fresh Little Minds 10.00-2.30 (No cost)

Mon 17- Fri 21 Feb Activity NI Half Term Activity Camp 9am-3pm £55 per week/£13 per day

Tues 25 Feb – Pancake Tuesday

Wed 26 Feb – Ash Wednesday, Lent begins.

Thank you to all of the P7 children and their parents who have completed the long transfer process. We are very proud of all of you and look forward to finding out where you will be transferring in May. Your new schools will be very lucky to have you!

REMINDER: To facilitate safe exits in the afternoon and following a trial period, P3 will be released from class on Monday-Wednesday at 2.50pm Thursday-Friday. Please ensure that your child is collected from the P3 door on time as the older children will be arriving at that door at 3pm.



We are currently counting all of our reading books which will help us with next year's school budget. If you have any reading or AR

books at home, please return them either to the school office or with your child to his/her teacher- we promise they won't be in trouble, we all love to keep re-reading our favourites!!

Some Fresh Little Minds and Jump, Jiggle and Jive pictures from P3- what fun they had!!



