

PTA

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

We are rapidly approaching the Christmas holidays and we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas. Thank you for your support during our Christmas preparations and again for your patience during our building work. We have finally got the use of our PE hall back this week and the windows will hopefully be finished early in the new year! We will continue to keep you updated.

Sacramental Programme

Please find below the dates we have so far for the sacramental programme this year. Please note that some of the times have been changed by the parish from the last newsletter, these are in bold. We will continue to send updates by text.

P3 Sacrament of Penance (First Confession)

14 Jan **6.30pm** Parent meeting in parish centre

17 Jan 11am Enrolment service in church

08 March Time TBC Sacrament of First Penance

P4 Sacrament of First Holy Communion

28 Jan 6pm Parent meeting in Parish Centre

31 Jan 11am Enrolment Service in church

From 22 Feb onward, Special Sunday masses for First Communion children 11am in the church

04 June 11am First Communion

05 June 11am Children attending Sunday Mass may wish to wear Communion outfits again.

P7 Confirmation

21 Jan 7pm Parent meeting in Parish Centre

24 Jan 11am Commitment Service in Church

TBC Service of Light

23 Feb 1pm Confirmation in St. Joseph's Church

12 May 7pm Pledge Mass in St. Joseph's Church

A huge thank you to the PTA for a fantastic movie night, for supporting the cost of the buses to the pantomime and for arranging a lovely cup of tea at the school show. Congratulations to all of our draw winners on the night! The children also enjoyed a visit from Santa and his elves and the PTA and



classroom assistants kindly looked after all the arrangements for the day. Thank you also to Hannah and Emilys Auntie who arranged the selection boxes.

CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME

The children had an amazing time at Little Red Riding

Hood at the Lyric Theatre in Belfast. The staff commented on our children's lovely manners and excellent behaviour- well done everyone!



SCHOOL PERFORMANCES

Well done to all of the children who performed at our P1 nativity, P2/3 Ralf the Reindeer, P4 Carol Service and P5-7 Peace Child. We were very proud of you all!

OPEN NIGHT

Thank you to all who came and supported our open night- parents, teacher, classroom assistants, PTA and Governors. All who attended spoke very highly of the work of the school. Please note that the closing date for applications is the 13th January 2016.

WEBSITE

We have launched our new website on the same address- www.stjosephsps.org Please visit our website for news from the classes, regular updates to our school calendar, dinner menus and information about the school. Please let us know what you think or if there is anything else you would like to see on the website.

GOOD NEWS

If you have any good news items or anything you would like to share in the next newsletter, please email us- rtreacy776@c2kni.net

Congratulations to Mrs McNally who was presented with her Ulster Camogie medal as part of the province winning club Cargin. She has also been elected Chairperson of the Camogie Committee. Well done! We are very proud of you!



Congratulations also to our past pupil and Cheslea's Aunt Donna Walsh who previously graduated with Business Degree with the University of Ulster but has recently graduated at Belfast Met college with a Post Graduate Diploma in Human Resource Management. She fondly remembers her time at St Joseph's and loved her knitting class!



Donna's mum, Rosaleen Coyle has retired from our kitchen after serving children dinners for 42 years. We will be having a special assembly for her in the new year and wish her all the best in her retirement.

Primary 3 have just finished their topic on celebrations by planning a huge party. They shopped online for their party food, prepared the feast themselves and even dressed for the occasion. We were most impressed by their party dancing. Well done!

Congratulations to Meghann P7, Aidan P6 and Kaya P6 who all achieved their grade 1 exams in their brass instruments- fantastic news!

BOARD OF GOVERNORS ANNUAL REPORT

Please note that the Board of Governors have published their annual report for the academic year 2014-2015. If you would like a copy, please contact the school office. The report is also available on the school website.

SHOEBOX APPEAL

Thank you to all of the families who produced a shoebox to send to Romania. We are sure they will be warmly received.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fri 18 Dec – Artefact Theatre Company coming to do a morning Christmas show as a treat for the children.

ASDA combined choirs of St Joseph's and Greystone to sing carols from 11-11.45, all welcome to attend.

Tuesday 22nd Dec - All children finish at 12pm for Christmas. **Children return on Wednesday 6th January.**

February mid term will be from Mon 15th-Fri 19th

CHRISTMAS GALLERY

