



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

We can't believe we are almost at the mid-term break! Thank you to all who attended or are attending parent teacher meetings. It is important for us to be able to talk to you directly about your child's work. We hope you all have a very safe and enjoyable Halloween break!

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

Please find below the dates we have so far for the sacramental programme this year as agreed with the Parish. These will be in every newsletter for your information and any changes will be sent immediately by text.

P3 Sacrament of Penance (First Confession)

17 Jan 2019 6.30pm Parent meeting in parish centre



3 Feb 2019 11am Enrolment service in church

9 April 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

15 Nov 2018 6.30pm Parent meeting in Parish Centre



25 Jan 2019 11am Enrolment Service in church

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

04 May 11am First Communion

Sunday 23rd June 11am Corpus Christi Mass – Children to attend in First Communion outfits

P7 Confirmation

24 Jan 2019 6.30pm Parent meeting in Parish Centre



27 Jan 2019 11am Commitment Service in Church

Service of Light, Confirmation date all to be confirmed by Bishop's office.

WORKING TOGETHER

Thank you to all of the parents who attended our curriculum meetings. We hope you found them useful. Please advise your child's teacher if you need a different appointment time for parent teacher meetings. **Please note- all children finish at 1.00pm after dinner to facilitate the meetings.**

WRAPAROUND CARE

Please contact the school office and book a place if you require it for Halloween. It will run depending on numbers.

PTA

Thank-you to all the parents who attended our first meeting. We would love to see as many parents or relatives as possible-your school needs you!!

The PTA hopes to continue to support the school by contributing to the replacing old whiteboards in classrooms for the new clever touch boards. We hope you can all support us in our efforts this year.

The PTA will be supporting a Halloween disco for the children on **Friday 26th October in the school hall. P1-3 are welcome from 6pm-7pm and P4-7 from 7.15-8.15. The cost is £2 per child and this includes a treat bag.** All drinks will be provided so no one needs to bring anything. All children are welcome to dress up in their Halloween costumes and children can be dropped off and collected from the front door.

FLU VACCINE REMINDER

The Public Health Agency will be administering the flu vaccine for all children P1-P7. This will happen on Thursday 25th October.

Consent forms have all been given out and should be returned to school as the nursing service are clear that any child who does not have a signed consent form **WILL NOT** receive the vaccine at school.

SHARED EDUCATION/MOVING FORWARD

TOGETHER

All classes this year will have an opportunity to work with pupils from Greystone in the Shared Education Programme. A new Shared Education newsletter is in development- we look forward to sharing this with you!



Congratulations to the pupils who took part in the shared Moving Forward Together Choir celebration for Shared Education week. As you know, we are part of a group of 19 schools who are working together to improve practices and opportunities for our young people across Antrim and Randalstown and we make a great team!

RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS

The Article 12 Society have been elected by their classmates- These pupils will have an important job to do- considering changes in school or giving their opinions on arrangements in school that affect them. Congratulations to all!

GOOD NEWS rtreacy776@c2kni.net



Congratulations to Lucy who won 2 first places in the North Belfast Irish Dancing Championships! Well done!!

Another big thank you to Ellie for sharing her Wizard of Oz performance done with Rathenraw Youth Scheme over the summer- super acting Ellie, and from our other pupils too!!!



EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES



Well done to everyone for your amazing costumes for European Day of Languages- everyone had a great day and discovered lots about the languages we all speak. Thank you to all parents who joined us for a French breakfast.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 22 /Tuesday 23 October Parent teacher meetings will be held, individual appointments will be given out. All pupils finish school at 1.00pm on these days to facilitate the meetings.

Wednesday 24 October P3and P5 to Ulster Museum to visit Dippy!

Thursday 25 October– Flu Vaccinations P1-P7

Friday 26 October- Harry Potter Maths Super Learning Day celebration day! Come to school dressed as a character from Harry Potter or a Muggle (non-magic folk!!)!



PTA disco in the evening- see PTA section for details.

Monday 29 October –Friday 2 November- School closed for half term, reopens on Monday 5 November for all pupils.

Thursday 15 November – Save the date! Celebration for parents of the children who attended Fresh Little Minds After schools. More information to follow.

Thursday 22 November Whole school Pantomime- Beauty and the Beast.

Wednesday 28 November 7pm– Open night for prospective P1 Parents (Sep 2019 admission)

Thursday 6 December- P1 Nativity at 11.00

Tuesday 11 December P2-P3 show at 11.00

Thursday 13 December –P5-P7 Christmas show, 7pm parish hall.

Tuesday 18 December – P4 Carol Service 10am

Wednesday 19 December Elf Day and Big Family Breakfast. Details to follow

Friday 21 December 12.30 finish for Christmas holidays, return on Monday 7th January 2019.

Children!! Remember!! Please be safe over Halloween- stay back from fireworks and hold sparklers at arm's length with gloves on! Wear bright clothes as we are getting into the darker evenings. Be Safe, Be Seen!



