



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

Thank you for all your help and support in getting the children settled back into school.

Just a reminder about parking and driving safely in the car parks and to thank you for ensuring your children are in school on time.

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)



18 Jan 2018 6.30pm Parent meeting in parish centre

21 Jan 2018 11am Enrolment service in church

7 March 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



25 Jan 2018 6.30pm Parent meeting in Parish Centre

28 Jan 2018 11am Enrolment Service in church

From 18 Feb 2018 onward, Special Sunday masses for First Communion children 11am in the church

19 May 11am First Communion

Sunday 3rd June 11am Corpus Christi Mass – Children to attend in First Communion outfits

P7 Confirmation

11 Jan 2018 6.30pm Parent meeting in Parish Centre



14 Jan 2018 11am Commitment Service in Church

Service of Light, Confirmation dates all to be confirmed.

24 May 7pm -Pledge Mass in St. Comgall's Church

WORKING TOGETHER

Thank you to all of the parents who attended our curriculum meetings. We will be having our Parent teacher meetings on the 25th and 26th October. Please advise your child's teacher if you need a different appointment time. **Please note- all children finish at 12.30pm after dinner to facilitate the meetings.**

WRAPAROUND CARE

Please contact the school office and book a place if you require it for Halloween.

PTA

Thank-you to all the parents who attended our first meeting- some old and new faces!

The PTA hopes to support the school by contributing to the development of the school grounds and 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 27th 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.

The following day – 28th October, we will be bag packing in Asda to raise funds. If you have not already done so, it would be great if you could give an hour of your time to help out. The rota is in the office so please phone or call in and let us know when you are free.

FLU VACCINE

The Public Health Agency will be administering the flu vaccine for all children P1-P7. This will happen on Thursday 30th November.

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

All classes this year will have an opportunity to work with pupils from Greystone in the Shared Education Programme. Teachers will inform you of the arrangements. Consent forms have gone out so that children can take part in the Shared Education Survey- please return these as soon as possible.

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 Ethan from P6 who travelled to England to win a gold and bronze medal in his trampoline competition- as a result he will be trying out for the Northern Ireland squad! Well done Ethan!

PUPIL LEADERS

Well done to our P7 boys and girls who have been selected as special representatives of the school- they are:



Hannah Jacobs, Head Girl
Charleigh Fee, Deputy Head Girl
Gerard Devlin, Head Boy
Dylan Hickman, Deputy Head Boy
Michael Porter, Molly Boothroyd, Eve Hammond,
Joel McCormick and Oliver Malone- our prefects for this year.

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 who bought books from the fair- over the past few years we have raised £800 and can now buy new AR books!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Friday 13th October- Ditch the Dark Day- children should wear really bright, fluorescent clothes on this day!

Wednesday 25 /Thursday 26 October Parent teacher meetings will be held, individual appointments will be given out. All pupils finish school at 12.30pm on these days to facilitate the meetings.



Friday 27 October- Halloween celebration day! Come to school dressed in your Halloween costumes!

PTA disco in the evening- see PTA section for details

Saturday 28th October Asda bag pack- please come along and give us a hand!

Monday 30 October –Friday 3 November- School closed for half term, reopens on Monday 6 November for all pupils.

Wednesday 29 November 7pm– Open night for prospective P1 Parents (Sep 2018 admission)

Thursday 30 November- Flu vaccination- please return permission slips.

Tuesday 12 December- P1 Nativity at 9.30, P2-P3 show at 11.00

Thursday 14 December –P5-P7 Christmas show, 7pm parish hall.

Tuesday 19 December – P4 Carol Service

Friday 22 December 12.30 finish for Christmas holidays, return on Monday 8th January 2018.

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



