



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

We have had another busy month with open night and the start of our sacramental preparations, we hope you enjoy the countdown to Christmas and can attend as many of our events as you can!

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.

SHARED EDUCATION

Well done to P3 who completed work on their topic Celebrations and had a fantastic party day on the 3rd

December They can't wait to share their learning with their parents at the celebration event in St Joseph's on Friday 6th December at 11.00am. All parents are welcome!

MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER

Ten members of our choir will join with the other Antrim and Randalstown schools to perform at the annual Council Carol Service in the Antrim Forum on Saturday 7th December at 11am. All welcome to attend.

2020 ADMISSIONS TO P1

Thank you to all the children and parents who supported our beautiful open night. Applications open online at www.eani.org at noon on the 7th January and close at noon on the 30th January. All applications need to be made online and birth certificates given to the first preference school by 7th February 2020. Please advise anyone who missed open night can call the school to arrange a visit at any time.

PTA

Many thanks to the PTA and all volunteers who helped with our open night. The Big Breakfast Fry Up is back!! The PTA will again be hosting a breakfast fry up for all of the family from 8am-10am on 18th December. They will also be having a special Christmas raffle draw on that day. Tickets will go out to all families in advance and will be available on the day. The next meeting of the PTA is on Tuesday 10th December at 6.00 in school. All parents are more than welcome to attend!

FLU VACCINE

As you are now aware, there were difficulties with the delivery of the Flu vaccine from the Department of health and the date for administration has now been moved to the 18th December. This will take place in school and the school nurse has asked that she is contacted on the number **028 94471009** if your child has already received the vaccine at a GP surgery. This is to prevent double doses!

COMMUNICATIONS

Many of you will be aware of the Parenting NI café that has operated here and in Greystone Primary for our parents. The Good News is that we are establishing a walking group with Sinead which will operate from Greystone Library. This is a great chance to get some fresh air in the company of other parents! See details below.

GOOD NEWS rtreacy776@c2kni.net



A big well done to Noah in P5- here he is with his football team and his dad- the coach! They had a great season and came top of the league- Congratulations to the Chimney Corner Hawks!

Another piece of footballing good news is that the Antrim Soccer Academy Under 8s (P4 boys) were lucky enough to have a training session with Northern Ireland coach Kenny Shiels and a tour of Windsor Park. What a great experience for Callum, Michael, James, Tomaz, Brodie, Darragh and Daniel- an afternoon they will never forget!



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

Thursday 5th December - Join us on Thursday 5th December at 2-3pm for an information session about a walking group starting in January for parents, carers, and grandparents of both Greystone Primary School and St. Joseph's Primary school. The information session will take place in Greystone Library and will be followed by a short taster walk. A project supported by the European Union's Peace IV Programme, managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB). All welcome.

Tuesday 10 December 11.00am P1-P3 Christmas Play in the Parish Centre

Monday 16 December Choir singing in Asda at 11.00 and Starbucks at 11.45. Parents welcome to attend.

Tuesday 17 December 12.30 Children finish after lunch for Carol Service. All P5-P7 to be in the church for 6.50

Tuesday 17 December 7pm P4-P7 Carol Service in the Church for all children.

Wednesday 18 December 8am-10am PTA Christmas Fry up, **All families and friends very welcome. Cost £4.00 for adults, £2 for children.**



Wednesday 18 December Flu Vaccine

Friday 20 December 11.00am Please note the change in time- we have been informed by the canteen that there will be no dinners available on this day. School closes for Christmas holidays

Tuesday 7 January 2020 School reopens for all pupils.

Parenting NI have asked us to give you the following information for anyone who might be interested!



Families Together Parenting Platforms in Antrim	Every Tues – Walking Group @ 10am for all parents Every Tues – Parenting Café @ Greystone PS @ 2pm Every Thurs – Drop In @ Sixmile Integrated PS @ 10am
Top Tips in Antrim	Every Tuesday Morning at 9.15am in St. Ballycraig Primary School Antrim. Ring 08088010722 to book a place. For 6 weeks.
Time for Parents Antrim	Listening ear and support for parents with any parenting issue. Ring 08088010722 for more information
Time for Me Antrim	Family Key Worker (Sinéad) can meet parent/carer to discuss any parenting concerns or family support needs. To book an appointment text on 07887429015
Coming up in Jan	Walking on Eggshells (Mums only) This programme focuses on supporting parents to have a calmer, non-violent home. Antrim town, Monday evenings. More details will follow.

