

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

We hope you all had an enjoyable Halloween break. We have a very busy term ahead on the countdown to Christmas and will do our best to let you know of all the events that keep popping into the diary with as much notice as we can.

Sacramental Programme

Please find below the dates we have so far for the sacramental programme this year. Please note.

P3 Sacrament of Penance (First Confession)

14 Jan 7pm 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

21 Jan 7pm Parent meeting in Parish Centre

24 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

28 Jan 7pm Parent meeting in Parish Centre

31 Jan 11am Commitment Service in Church

Service of Light, Confirmation dates all to be confirmed.

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

PTA



Our dedicated Parent group have arranged a movie night for all children on Wednesday 18th November. Doors will open at 6pm and movies will start at 6.15 sharp. Children can be collected from 7.45pm. There will be 5 movie screens to choose from and children are welcome to attend in comfy PJs and dressing

gowns. All can bring a blanket/beanbag/ duvet too! Arrangements are as follows-

Children will be given a list of movies next week. When arriving they pay £1 at the door and will be taken to the movie of their choice by staff. On the night, parents can park in the parish car park. P1-3 children should enter through the P2/3 playground entrance. P4-7 should line up at the back playground and will enter at the P4 door. The back gate will also be open to facilitate ease of access. Children will be supervised in the building by teachers and PTA members and will be able to buy a treat pack at the cost of £1. At the end of the evening, children should be collected from the same doors they came in. Speak to the PTA member and teacher at the doors and they will call your child forward. Please be patient with us during collection but we must ensure that each child is delivered safely to their adult as it will be dark. Please note that all children from P1-P7 MUST be collected by an adult.

Raffle tickets will be going out soon for great prizes coming up to Christmas- X Factor Live tour Concert Tickets being the first prize! Our PTA is already contributing to exciting Christmas events and are covering the full cost of the buses to the Pantomime at the end of the month. All monies raised by the PTA benefit the children in school and we sincerely thank everyone involved for making such a valuable contribution to the life of the school. If you are free to help out at any time, please contact our chairperson at the school, Mrs Nicola McCoy. Please note the next meeting is 24th November at 6pm in school.

CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME

This year's panto will be Little Red Riding Hood and the whole school will be attending at 1.30pm on Thursday 10th December. This year we have managed to secure places in the Lyric Theatre in Belfast. This should be an amazing experience we are delighted to have secured the booking. Permission slips will go out shortly confirming collection times and the cost is £10 payable to the class teachers.

OPEN NIGHT

Open night for our new P1 intake will be on Wednesday 2nd December from 7pm-8.30pm. We will ask for some children to come in and help us but all parents are welcome to do a tour of the school with our new parents if you haven't been in for a while!

Please inform any nursery parents that you know who might be considering St Joseph's for their child. We believe that it is important to give parents an opportunity to visit the school before having to make any decisions!

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

BOARD OF GOVERNORS ANNUAL REPORT

Please note that the Board of Governors will shortly publish their annual report for the academic year 2014-2015. If you would like a copy, please contact the school office.

SHOEBOX APPEAL

A great big thank you to all who have produced a shoe box to go to Romania with the Road of Hope Charity for Christmas. Well done! The closing date for boxes is 16th November we would encourage all of you who have not yet provided a shoe box to consider doing one to help a poor child this Christmas.

TAG RUGBY

The school team will be playing in the Borough Council event on 12th November at the Valley leisure Centre from 12 noon- 2pm if any parents/carers would like to attend to support you are more than welcome!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 10 November – Flu vaccinations- please ensure permission slips are returned.

Thursday 12 Nov – P1 parents phonics meeting 1pm-2pm- information meeting for P1 parents about how to support phonics- sound learning at home and how we teach it at school!

Wednesday 18th Nov- Movie night Doors open at 6pm.

Tuesday 24 November 6pm – PTA Meeting

Friday 27th November – Special Golding for all children- West Midlands Children's Theatre- the Sorcerers Apprentice.

Wednesday 02 Dec 7-8.30pm- open Night- all parents welcome to visit

Tues 8th December-

9.30am P1 Nativity play

11.00am P2 and P3 Christmas show

Wed 9th December 7pm P5-P7 Christmas Show- Peace Child. Coffee and shortbread in the Parish Hall afterwards- All families welcome to attend. PTA Christmas draw will take place.



Wednesday 9th Dec Children's Christmas Dinner

Thurs 10th December- Whole school Panto at the Lyric

Sat 12 Dec- Choir to attend Council Carol Service in the Antrim Forum at 2.30-4.30. Children to be in attendance for seating by 2.00. All parents welcome.

Mon 14 Dec - All children to dress as elves or in Christmas colours for a special day of Christmas fun.

Tues 15 Dec- P4 will present this year's carol service after 9.30am mass in St Joseph's. Whole school will be attending and will finish at 12.30 on this day. An early lunch will be available.

Fri 18 Dec - 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 Tuesday 6th January**