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

We are having a very busy time coming up to Christmas- please remember to check the school website for the most recent additions to the calendar and watch your phones for texts!

Sacramental Programme

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

P3 Sacrament of Penance (First Confession)



19 Jan 6.30pm Parent meeting in parish centre

05 Feb 11am Enrolment service in church

2nd April at 3.00pm Sacrament of First Penance

P4 Sacrament of First Holy Communion



23 Feb 6.30pm Parent meeting in Parish Centre

26 Feb 11am Enrolment Service in church

From 05 March onward, Special Sunday masses for First Communion children 11am in the church

06 May 11am First Communion

P7 Confirmation



26 January 6.30pm Parent meeting in Parish Centre

29 Jan 11am Commitment Service in Church

Service of Light To be Confirmed

Confirmation 22nd March 2017 at 12 noon in St Joseph's Church

01 June 7pm Pledge Mass in St. Joseph's Church

WRAPAROUND CARE

Wraparound care is still operating for morning and afternoon sessions- please see below for details.

8:30-8:55 Morning Games Club £1

2:00-3:00 P1 and 2 Youth Club £1

3:00-4:00 P1-7 Youth club £1

4:00-5:30 Games/Wind down/Homework £4

Parents can select any and all times that suit their needs- please speak to the office if you have any questions. Wraparound will operate over Christmas but only if there is enough interest. Please book at the school office in advance or we cannot guarantee places.

PTA

Thank you to all who attended the PTA meeting. The Fireside Quiz winners were drawn and were as follows- 1st Lucia Boothroyd, 2nd, Eve Bonner P7, 3rd Charleigh Fee P6

Christmas- Raffle tickets are now on sale and have been sent home with all children- please return any sold and unsold tickets as soon as possible. Draw will take place following the P5-P7 concert on Thursday 15th December at 7pm in the parish hall.

Tea/coffee will also be served by the PTA on this night. ***We would appreciate donations of shortbread/biscuits/mince pies as there will not be a charge for refreshments on the night.*** These can be left in at the office or sent in with the children. Tickets for the show are also on sale from the school office- £2.50 per adult and £1 per child.

SHARED EDUCATION

P3 have been having a great time working with their friends from Greystone on the theme of celebrations- they have made chocolate treats and are having a party on the 15th December!

P6/7 are also celebrating the end of their project with a celebration day in Greystone on 19th December at 2pm. All parents are very welcome to attend and may wish to wear their own Christmas Jumpers!!!!

SCHOOL NEWS

We will be making a presentation to Fr Conor at a

special assembly on Wednesday 21 December at 11.00 in the school assembly hall. The whole school will be attending and all parents are most welcome to join us. We welcome to Fr. James O'Reilly who has joined the Antrim Parish team and is our new chaplain.

Congratulations to Paige from P5 who won a prize in the Tesco Halloween Christmas Colouring Competition.



Well done also to Holly and Eve in P7 who passed their Grade 1 Flute exams!

Angel and Leah Armstrong have added to their Irish Dancing trophy and medal haul with yet more success at their recent competitions- well done ladies!



Thank you to all who contributed to our St John's Ambulance day last term where the children attended the teddy bear hospital. The team called back to receive their donation of £237.00 in November.

We were very impressed with Josh Hamilton from P3 who has won the Ulster and Lenister Championships in motocross for his age group. Amazing achievement Josh!

The school have enjoyed 2 pantomimes from visiting production companies in the run up to Christmas- Jolly Grimm tales and Cinderella as well as their trip to the Waterfront for Aladdin. They had a lovely time



and especially enjoyed Mr McGinley's and Miss Cooke's fantastic dance moves- check them out on our Twitter page!

CHRISTMAS DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 9 December - Children's Christmas Dinner

Sat 10th Dec 3.00pm- Choir to Antrim forum for Council Carol service. 3.30-4.30. Please collect children in the hall of the Antrim Forum.

Tuesday 13 December –

- 9.30 P1 Nativity in school hall
- 11.00am- P2/3 Show- A Midwife Crisis in Parish Centre
- 1.30-2.30 Choir to sing in Asda

Wednesday 14 December –

- 9.30 P1 Nativity in school hall (second showing)

Thursday 15 December –

- P3 To Greystone for Shared Education party day
- 7pm in Parish Centre- P5-P7 show- 'What Christmas Means to Me' followed by PTA draw and coffee! Children to be in school by 6.30 to get changed.

Friday 16 December-

- Choir singing in Brooklands nursing home
- 12.30 finish for all children. No wraparound available

Monday 19th December-

- Return of The Elf Day! Children come to school in elf/Santa/reindeer/Christmas costumes or dressed in Christmas colours for a day of celebrations and special visitors. Please bring £1 for school funds.
- P6/7 will have Shared Education celebration in Greystone P.S. from 2pm , all P6/7 parents welcome.

Tuesday 20th December-

- P4 Carol Service in Church at 11am. All classes in attendance, all parents welcome.

Wednesday 21st December –

- Choir to Junction 1 10-10.30am to sing carols.
- Presentation to Fr Conor at 11.00 in the school assembly hall. Parents welcome to attend.

Thursday 22nd December-

- Closure for Christmas Holidays at 12.30pm. School reopens as usual for all children on Monday 9th January 2017.



Everyone in St Joseph's wishes you all a very happy and holy Christmas. Have a wonderful time and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

