



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

We hope you had a lovely Halloween break- it's hard to believe we are now in the run up to Christmas. Please look out for texts and on our website, facebook and twitter pages for updates on our Christmas events!

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



25 Nov 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 to be confirmed by Bishop's office.

WRAPAROUND CARE

Please contact the school office and book a place if you require it for Christmas. As usual, if there are not enough children to run on any particular day we will not be able to operate.

PTA



Thank-you to all the parents who helped out with our Halloween disco, the evening was a great success- please see some pictures from the event!



A huge thank you to Mrs Kerr who held a candlelit relaxing yoga session to raise money for the PTA funds. She raised £205 and we are very grateful for her support.

We are hoping to run a breakfast on 19th December and are just waiting confirmation from the kitchen if we can do a fry or not! Either way we will have a special breakfast that morning so keep the date free!

The next meeting is on Tuesday 27 November at 6.30pm. All parents are very welcome to join us- all help or ideas are appreciated!!

SHARED EDUCATION



Congratulations to the P6 classes who have finished their main topic work with Greystone this year. We had a lovely celebration event with the parents who were able to try out some of the activities that the children had been doing! Well done and thank you to all who attended.

Primary 3 classes have started their topic-Celebrations, they had a wonderful session at a chocolate workshop and left schools with lovely treats- we hope they shared their creations with you! Teachers will continue to keep you updated through seesaw!

MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER

Our shared choir will be singing this year at the Antrim Forum carol service- this will include 10 children from our school and from up to 18 other schools in the Antrim and Randalstown areas. Our own choir will also be singing at Starbucks at 11am on 19th December- come and celebrate with them and have a wee cuppa!!

GOOD NEWS rtreacy776@c2kni.net

Congratulations to Igor who won a Tesco's voucher in the Halloween art competition. Well done!



Congratulations also to Daniel, Tomaz, Aryan, Lily, Niamh and Dominik who won the Islandbawn competition!



A sincere thank you to Ellie, Cailah and Luciana who represented the school at the Remembrance Sunday Service in Antrim- well done girls!



Congratulations to Amy Hawthorne who came 1st in her under 9 solo light jig and 6th in her under 9 reel at the Irish dancing Ulster championships. Fantastic job Amy!

Well done to all of our P.7 pupils who sat the transfer test on Saturday. You all worked very hard and we are so proud of you!

ATTENDANCE

Please note that our Education and Welfare Officer comes to visit the school each term to discuss any children whose attendance falls below 85%. After viewing the reasons for absence, he may require a referral from the school to his service for your child. If we have to do this, we will write to you and let you know. Please ensure that your child comes to school every day- it is so important for their learning!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Thursday 22 November - Due to costs of attending a pantomime in a theatre we have again decided to bring the pantomime to us to keep costs for families down. We will have Beauty and the Beast in our school hall during the day and collection from school will be at the usual time. Please complete the permission slip for your child to attend as we cannot let them attend without your permission- we know that some children just do not like it! All children may bring 1 treat with them to the show!

Tuesday 27 November 6.30pm PTA meeting- all welcome to help us plan for Christmas and the New Year!

Wednesday 28 November 7pm– Open night for prospective P1 Parents (Sep 2018 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.

