



Newsletter

Monday 7 January



St. Joseph's Primary School

A Happy New Year from all at St Joseph's.

Open Morning

Some prospective parents were unable to attend the original Open Morning in November. For this reason, there will be another opportunity to visit the school on Wednesday 16 January from 10:30 until 12:00.

Enrolment for Primary One, September 2010

This year, the admissions process for those parents/carers applying for a place for their child in Primary 1 has moved online. The Parent Portal, available to make an online application for admission to pre-school or Primary 1 in September 2019, opened on Wednesday 2 January 2019 and will close at midnight on Thursday 31 January 2019. Visit <https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions> to get started.

Citizen of the Month

Every month the achievements and efforts of individual children in each class are recognised in Assembly with our special Citizen of the Month presentation. Congratulations to all our current winners for December - Niamh(P1A), William(P1B), Arlo(P2A), Maciej(P2B), Gareth(P3A), Nina(P3B), Jude(P4A), Beatrice(P4B), Oliver(P5A),ayah & Amelia(P5B), Anjali(P6A), Connor(P6B), Cara(P7A) and Dara(P7B).

Lunchtime supervisor needed

If you are interested in the position of lunchtime supervisor, please contact the office for more details.

Money Matters

A reminder that, due to budgetary cutbacks, we are asking parents to support the school by purchasing the following essential items for your child/children;

Pencils
Colouring pencils
Pencil case
Homework folder
Rubber
Sharpener
Markers
Whiteboard pens
Glue stick
30cm ruler
Highlighters

Please label these items with your child's name to assist with classroom organisation.

Spanish Tuition

We are also requesting a voluntary donation of £5 per child for each term that your child receives Spanish tuition. Primary 2, 3, and 4 receive tuition for 3 terms, P5 & 7 receive 2 terms' tuition and P6 receive 1 term's tuition.

Clubs

The new timetable for after-school clubs during the 2nd term has not yet been finalised. You will be notified of the new clubs available and their starting date as soon as possible.

Up and coming events

- Swimming lessons resume for P5 on Monday 7 January.
- P7 workshop 'What's Inside' in St Matthew's Primary on Tuesday 15 January.
- Indoor hurling at De la Salle for P6/7 (selected pupils) on Tuesday 15 January.
- Open morning on Wednesday 16 January from 10:30 - 12:00.

Lost Property

You can find the lost property basket in the shelter area of the playground. Have a rummage, you never know what you might retrieve.

Open Days

Open Days/Evenings for some of our local post-primary schools are listed below:

School	Date	Time
Aquinas Grammar School	Saturday 12 January	09:00 - 12:00
Ashfield Boys' High School	Thursday 24 January	19:00
Ashfield Girls High School	Tuesday 22 January	18:30 - 21:00
Bloomfield Collegiate	Thursday 16 January	18:00 - 21:00
Campbell College	Friday 18 January	18:30 - 21:00
Campbell College	Saturday 19 January	10:00 - 12:30
Grosvenor Grammar	Wednesday 9, Thursday 10 January	18:30 - 21:00
Lagan College	Saturday 12 January	09:00
Our Lady and St Patrick's College	Saturday 19 January	09:15 - 12:30
Priory College	Thursday 11th January	18:30 - 21:30
The Royal Belfast Academical Institution	Saturday 5 January	09:30 - 12:30
St Joseph's College	Thursday 17 January	19:00 - 21:00
St Malachy's College	Wednesday 16, Thursday 17 January	19:00
Strathearn School	Saturday 5 January	09:15 - 12:30
Sullivan Upper	Saturday 19 January	09:30 - 12:30

ParentPay

If you need help with ParentPay, you can 'ask the office' or alternatively contact the ParentPay helpline at 02476994915.

Transfer meetings

Transfer meetings with Mr Donaldson for the parents of P7 pupils will start in St. Joseph's on Monday 28 January. At this meeting parents will have the opportunity to complete the transfer form for their child, listing their preference of post-primary schools; the interview will also be an opportunity to seek advice and clarification on the process. Details of the times of these meetings will be communicated to P7 parents/carers next week.

Confirmation

The date for Confirmation is Sunday 24 March at 11:30 mass in St Colmcille's.

Non-uniform day

Thanks for your contributions towards non-uniform day on 21 December 2018, which raised £182.25 for school funds.

For your information

Please note that the Designated Teacher and Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection in St Joseph's are Mr Donaldson and Mr McDowell respectively.

In the last newsletter we asked:

It's the day before Christmas Eve and all the elves are getting their clothes for Christmas day ready. Nic the Elf has three jumpers, two trousers and three hats. How many different outfits consisting of one jumper, one hat and one pair of trousers could he make?

Now here's an answer

Nic can wear 18 different outfits.

Now here's a problem

A farmer wants a square field walled in. She hires three masons who set to work on a wall each. The first mason finishes his wall in 4 days and the second mason finishes his wall in 6 days and the third mason finishes his wall in 12 days. She gets them to work together on the last wall. If they work at the same rates how long will it take them to finish the job?

Dates for Your Diary	
Monday 7 January	School re-opens - start of Term 2
Monday 28 January	Start of P7 meetings for parents to complete Transfer forms
Sunday 3 February	'Do This in Memory Of Me' at 09:30 in St Colmcille's
Friday 15 February	14:00 finish for whole school
Monday 18 February - Friday 22 February	Mid-term break Break (school closed)
Monday 18 March	School Development Day (School closed for pupils)
Sunday 24 March	Confirmation in St Colmcille's at 11:30
Thursday 18 April	12:00 finish for whole school
Friday 19 April - Friday 26 April	Easter holidays
Monday 6 May	Early May Bank Holiday
Saturday 11 May	First Holy Communion for P4A and Evening Class at 11:30 in St Colmcille's
Saturday 18 May	First Holy Communion for P4B at 11:30 in St Colmcille's
Monday 27 May - Tuesday 28 May	School Development Day (School closed for pupils)
Friday 28 June	Last day of term (12 noon finish)