



Newsletter

Monday 26 November



St. Joseph's Primary School

Open Morning

St Joseph's Open Morning will be held on Wednesday 28 November from 10:30 until 12:00. This is an opportunity for prospective P1 parents to come along and see the school in action. If you know of any interested parents, please pass on this information.

Annual Report

The Annual Report of the Board of Governors for 2017-18 can be accessed on the school's website www.stjosephsps.co.uk/links.html

Code of Conduct

In order to provide clarification on many of the issues regarding normal school protocols and procedures, a Code of Conduct for Parents/Carers and Pupils has been drawn up and can be accessed on the school's website at this address www.stjosephsps.co.uk/links.html

Board of Governors

Members of the newly constituted board are:

Name	Representing
Mr John McCaffrey (Chairperson)	Trustee
Very Rev Anthony Fitzsimons	Trustee
Mr James Gilsean	Trustee
Mrs Cliona McCotter	Trustee
Mr Peter McKeown	DENI
Mrs Noeleen Dunn	Education Authority
Mr Martin Wolfe (Vice Chairperson)	Education Authority
Miss Suzanne McCullough	Teacher Representative
Mrs Loraine Patterson	Parent Representative
Mr Paul Donaldson (Principal)	Secretary Non-Voting

If you have an issue you wish to discuss, you may contact the governors via the school's office. However, if you wish to make a formal complaint, details of the Parental Complaints' Procedure are available on the school's website.

For your information, minutes of Board of Governors' meetings are available on the school website.

Be Bright Be Seen

Road Safety NI's message is 'Be Bright, Be Seen' by drivers. Please encourage all pupils to wear reflective clothing and high visibility items, especially during the dark mornings and evenings, when travelling between home, bus stops and school. This message was reinforced with Road Safety Assemblies that were delivered on Friday by a representative from the Safe and Sustainable Travel Division of the Department of Infrastructure.

Lost Property

All items in lost property will be on display under the shelter in the main playground on Monday and Tuesday. The lost property basket will be cleared after this.

Up and coming events

- Representatives from Cancer Focus Northern Ireland will be visiting the school on Tuesday 27 November to deliver a whole school programme teaching pupils about the importance of being healthy.
- P6 will visit the North Down Museum on Tuesday 27 November (P6B) and Thursday 29 November (P6A).
- Digital leaders and selected P7 pupils will visit OLSPCK on Friday 30 November to use the IT facilities on offer and learn about coding.
- P7 will visit the cinema on Monday 3 December as an after-transfer treat.
- Firemen will visit P5 on Wednesday 5 December to highlight the dangers of fire and advise the pupils on important safety precaution measures that can be taken; parents - have your emergency escape routes at the ready!
- The football team is playing in the St Malachy's Cup on Friday 7 December. Go the blues!

Do This in Memory

A *Do This in Memory* mass for all children making their First Holy Communion this year will take place on 2 December 2018 at 09:30 Sunday mass in St Colmcille's.

Confirmation

The date for Confirmation is usually given to the school by the Bishop's Office in December. As soon as we have this information we will pass it onto you.

Swimming

With P6A & P6B now up to Olympic standard, the armbands have been passed onto P5 who are currently receiving their weekly lesson at Avoniel Leisure Centre.

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.

Dinner money

To help with administration, please ensure that dinner money is paid using ParentPay in advance or on the day that the dinner is taken.

Music fees

The 1st term music fees for the pupils receiving weekly tuition from the School of Music tutors are now due. The cost this year is £50 per term or £150 per annum and can be paid via ParentPay.

Breakfast club

The Breakfast Club is now running each morning in the school hall from 08:00 - 08:45, at a cost of £2.50 per pupil, per day; this can be paid for using ParentPay. For further details, please contact the office.

Top tips for parenting - Tip 9: Look After Yourself

<https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/publications/top-tips-parents>

Make sure you get a break to relax, this may help you cope better. Try to:

- take time for yourself;
- keep interests outside the home;
- take up the offer of help from family and friends;
- get rest when you can;
- look after your health;
- know your limits;
- get together with other parents and their children - children also need company.

In the last newsletter we asked:

Sarah is three times as old as Peter. Max is twice as old as Peter. Lucy is two years older than Max. Altogether their ages sum to 26 years. How old is Lucy?

Now here's an answer

Peter is 3 years old, and Max is twice Peter's age, therefore Max is 6. If Lucy is 2 years older than Max, Lucy must be 8. Answer: 8

Now here's a problem

Amy, Liam, Samira and Luke meet up. Each person shakes hands with every other person once. How many handshakes are there in total?

Dates for Your Diary

Wednesday 28 November	Open morning from 10:30 - 12:00
Sunday 2 December	'Do This in Memory Of Me' at 09:30 in St Colmcille's
Tuesday 11 December	P1/2 Christmas Show in the Parochial Hall at 10:00
Thursday 13 December	P3/4 Christmas Show in the Parochial Hall at 10:00
Wednesday 19 December	P5-7 Carol Service in St Colmcille's at 11:00
Friday 21 December	School closed at 12 noon for Christmas Holidays
Monday 24 December - Wednesday 2 January	Christmas Holidays (school closed)
Thursday 3 January - Friday 4 January	Staff training days (school closed for pupils)
Monday 7 January	School re-opens - start of Term 2
Saturday 11 May	First Holy Communion for P4A at 11:30 in St Colmcille's
Saturday 18 May	First Holy Communion for P4B at 11:30 in St Colmcille's