



Newsletter

Monday 14th May



St. Joseph's Primary School

Morning supervision

Please note that the playground is supervised from 08:45 each morning and that that pupils arriving earlier than this are unsupervised, unless they are attending Sleepy Hollow.

Parking

Recently we have received a number of complaints from local residents about parking in and around the school. Please remember the advice given to us by the PSNI, that it is an offence to:

- park within 15 metres of a junction;
- park on double yellow lines;
- park across a driveway or obstruct access to properties; and
- leave a vehicle in a dangerous position.

Sports Day P1-3

Sports Day for P1-3 will now be held on Friday 18th May from 10:00 - 11:30 at Strandtown Playing Fields.

Special Educational Needs and Inclusion Policy

The recently reviewed Special Educational Needs and Inclusion Policy can be accessed on the school's website www.stjosephsps.co.uk/

Primary 6 parents

Registration for the AQE Common Entrance Assessment has now opened and will remain so until Friday 7th September. Registration forms can be downloaded from the AQE website www.aqe.org.uk or obtained directly from participating AQE Grammar Schools.

Transfer Meeting (P6 Parents)

There will be a Transfer Meeting on Tuesday 5th June at 18:30 in the school hall. The purpose of the meeting is to provide information on the transfer procedure, to explain the roles played by parents and the school and to give an opportunity for parents to ask questions about next year's process

Transfer Procedure 2018

The EA will once again provide a help desk on Saturday 19 May 2018 between the hours of 15.30 and 17:00 which parents can contact in the event that they do not receive a placement letter from the post primary school which has selected their child for admission. The EA will write to parents of pupils who have not yet been allocated a school place. The help desk number is 028 2566 1379.

PTA news

A massive thank you to all the parents who donated to the Belfast Marathon fundraiser. The event raised over £1300 for the school as well as £321 from the non-uniform day, where all children participated in their own mini-marathon. Thanks to the 10 runners who completed the course after a challenging training programme.

The second Holy Communion teas are after 11:30 mass on Sunday 20th May; we will need buns, scones or tray bakes for the event, so please leave donations in the Church Hall on Sunday morning.

The Community Fun Day is on Saturday 16th of June. We are having it at from 14:00 until 15:00, with a BBQ, band and all the usual attractions. We will need plenty of volunteers, so please keep the day free.

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 April - Rayyan(P1A), Donal(P1B), Diana & Helina(P2A), Niamh(P2B), Eimhear(P3A), Matt(P3B), James(P4A), Hannah(P4B), Anna(P5A), Matthew(P5B), Luke & all of the class(P6A), Neha(P6B), Milena(P7A) and Wiktorija(P7B).

Cross Country

Congratulations to the 31 children who took part in the Belfast Cross Country Competition. The children displayed fantastic talent and did themselves and the school proud. In the final the children proved to be very successful with Colm coming 2nd and Alfie 6th overall in the Belfast area. The boys' A team was

3rd school overall. Anna was placed 2nd and Leann 4th in the open race. What a brilliant achievement! The boys' A team will now represent the school at the inter areas finals on Tuesday 5th June.

Oliver Twist

As a special treat for the pupils for all their hard work, we have rebooked a touring theatre company, M & M Productions, that in the past visited the school annually. This year they are staging Oliver Twist for us on Thursday 17th May. To help meet the costs of this a donation of £1 per child would be greatly appreciated.

Football success

On Wednesday 9th May, the P6 soccer team played their quarter final of the P6/U10 Soccer Cup against Orangefield PS. After falling a goal behind in difficult weather conditions, the determined and skilfull bunch staged a late comeback with goals from the two Lewis's, sending St. Joseph's into the semi-final. Well done boys! Another great result.

Online payment service

We are introducing a new online payment service, where parents/carers can pay for dinners, clubs, trips, musical tuition, swimming etc...using their mobile phone, computer or tablet. The aim is to phase in the service this term, with it being fully operational from September. You will soon be sent further details on this service and an activation letter containing your activation details to enable you to set up your account.

Healthy Snacks

The school has a healthy-eating policy in place and encourages pupils to bring in healthy foods for both break and lunch. The pupils are generally very good at what they bring in for snacks and we thank our parents for their support and ask you to continue helping us to implement this policy by sending in healthy options with the children and avoiding the non-healthy alternatives.

Why don't you..... share a story!

May is National Share a Story Month. Reading stimulates imagination and increases vocabulary. It is never too early to start reading with your child.

The World Meeting of Families

The World Meeting of Families (WMOF), due to take place in Dublin on 22-26 August 2018, will be a wonderful opportunity for Irish families and families around the world to celebrate, talk about and reflect on the theme 'The Gospel of the Family: Joy to the World'. The first three days, Wednesday to Friday, will consist of a Congress, and be made up of workshops, discussions and social events. A full programme of activities and fun events will be available for children (4-12 years) and young people (13-17 years) to enjoy.

On the Saturday evening, there will be a 'Festival of Families', led by Pope Francis in Croke Park, during which families from across the world will share stories and experiences about living the Christian life in the modern world. On the Sunday afternoon, in Phoenix Park, Pope Francis will be the main celebrant at the Final Mass. Both of these events are free-ticket events. Everyone wishing to attend either of these weekend events with Pope Francis, must register on-line at www.worldmeeting2018.ie

In the last newsletter we asked:

There are three baskets, a brown one, a red one and a pink one, holding a total of ten eggs. The Brown basket has one more egg in it than the Red basket.

The Red basket has three fewer eggs than the Pink basket.

How many eggs are in each basket?

Now here's an answer

There are three brown eggs, two red eggs and 5 pink eggs.

Now here's a problem

The PTA relay team completed the Belfast City Marathon in 4 hours 20 minutes. What was the average running time of each of the 5 team members?

Dates for Your Diary

Friday 18th May	Sports Day for P1-3 at Strandtown Playing Fields
Sunday 20th May	First Holy Communion for P4B at 11:30 in St Colmcille's
Monday 28th May - Tuesday 29th May	Mid-term break
Tuesday 5th June	Transfer meeting for P6 parents at 18:30 in St Joseph's
Friday 29th June	Last day of term (12:00 finish)