



# Newsletter

Monday 11th June



## St. Joseph's Primary School

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### PTA news

It's under a week now to the Community Fun Day - the PTA's biggest event of the year and major fundraiser. The PTA has a couple of important requests from you.

If the event is to go ahead at its normal scale and therefore loads of fun for all, we need volunteers to sign up to help during the day - We have 50 volunteer slots and only 10 filled so far. We simply can't proceed with the event if we don't have stalls and activities looked after. Please sign up on the sheet in the playground attached to the staff room window, or return your interest to this email, or text Steven on 0790 938 1280 asap. Secondly, you can pre-book entry and book places on the Cup Cake Decoration sessions that take place in the scout hall. Kids get to decorate their cup cake and then eat it - 3 themes of decorations, Nemo, unicorns and Incredibles. Here's the link. <http://www.stjosephsps.co.uk/community-fun-day-2018.html>

Thanks for all your support and hope to see you all on Saturday afternoon. Please spread the word about these two asks.

Also, the end of year discos take place on Thursday 21st June - 18:30 to 19:30 for P1 to P3 and 19:45 to 20:45 for the P4 to P7's. Thanks to DJ David Lindsay for playing the tunes.

### 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 May - Eve(P1A), Jemima(P1B), Max(P2A), Nina(P2B), Oisin(P3A), Sophia(P3B), Oliver(P4A), Isabelle(P4B), Sorcha(P5A), Nikolai(P5B), Luke(P6A), Leo(P6B), Niamh(P7A) and Mary(P7B).

### Cross Country

Congratulations to the boys' A team who came 3rd overall school in the Inter Area Finals. A special mention to Colm who was 3rd fastest boy in the race - a fantastic achievement in such a competitive event.

### GL and AQE Assessments

Registration for both the GL and AQE assessments have now opened. For further details, please contact the grammar school that you would like your child to sit the tests in or visit the relevant websites [www.aqe.org.uk](http://www.aqe.org.uk) and [www.thetransfertest.com](http://www.thetransfertest.com)

### P1 Induction Meeting

An induction meeting will be held on Tuesday 12th June at 14:30 in St Joseph's. This is an opportunity for our future P1s to meet their new teacher and spend some time in their new classroom, while their mums and dads find out all they need to know about the school in the year ahead.

### Reading books

Please return all school reading books the week beginning Monday 18th June, to help us with our stock take and planning for next year.

### Reporting to Parents

Annual reports will be issued on Monday 18th June.

### End of Year Mass

Parents are invited to the end of year mass on Thursday 21st June at 09:30 in St Colmcille's.

### P7 Leavers' Play

The P7 Leavers' play will be held in the Parochial Hall on Tuesday 26th June at 11:00. The boys and girls (and teachers) have been working really hard in preparation for their final show and we are all looking forward to yet another entertaining show from our talented pupils.

### School Enhancement Programme

We have received notification from the Department of Education that our application to the School Enhancement Programme for a new school build, or an extension to the existing building, has not been selected to be advanced in planning at this time.

## Free School meals/uniform grant

You can apply for free school meals/uniform grant if your son or daughter is in full-time education and if you are in receipt of one of the following benefits:- Income Support; Income-Based Jobseeker's Allowance; Income-Related Employment and Support Allowance; Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit; Child Tax Credit or Working Tax Credit with an annual taxable income of £16,190 or less; Universal credit and have net household earnings not exceeding £14,000 per year.

For information on how to apply visit <http://www.eani.org.uk/i-want-to/fsm/howtoapply/>

Please note that if your child is already in receipt of free school meals you will have to reapply to the Education Authority at the end of June.

## School Uniform

School jumpers and ties are available at Truly Fare, 463 Ormeau Road. You will also have the opportunity to purchase stock in St Joseph's on Tuesday 12th June and Thursday 21st June from 14:00 until 16:00, when a representative from the shop will be in the school foyer.

## Top tips for parenting: Tip 2: Play

If children are playing, they are less likely to be posting the remote control in the bin or wrestling with a brother or sister! If you've got a lot to do in a short space of time, set up an activity that will give you that all important extra half an hour. Play is important and enjoyable, and children can learn a lot from it. Children need time to play on their own, with others and with their parents, as long as they play safely. A few ideas for play might be:

- Painting, drawing and colouring: Children enjoy creating works of art and the messier the better!
- Water: A washing up bowl of water and a couple of cups or a plastic jug can keep a toddler busy for ages.
- Imagination: Get out some teddies and dolls and create a tea party, a zoo made up of all sizes and shapes of toys or arrange a 'shop', with some of the (unbreakable) contents of your kitchen cupboards - let their imagination run wild.
- Keep it simple: Try to keep a box of toys, crayons and playdough handy and make the most of bath time for playing with a couple of cups and a sponge.
- Join in: Once you've got everything out of the way, take five minutes to get into what your child is doing - show them that what they're doing is important.

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

## 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.

## In the last newsletter we asked:

*Sally, Amy, Sita and Philippa plan to meet for lunch, but they have not been able to all meet on the same day. Sally is unable to meet on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Saturdays. Amy is free to meet on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Sita has to go to work on Mondays and Thursdays. Philippa can be available on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays. They all want to spend time at home on Sundays. Can each pair find a day on which to meet for tea? Are there any days when none of them can meet? Are there any days when more than one pair can meet up?*

## Now here's an answer

Amy and Philippa or Sally and Philippa can meet on a Monday.

Sita and Philippa can meet on a Tuesday.

Sita and Amy can meet on a Wednesday.

Sally and Amy can meet on a Thursday.

Sally and Philippa or Sally and Sita can meet on a Friday.

None of them can meet on a Saturday.

## Now here's a problem

The Italian football manager wants to cook pasta for my squad of 23 players on the eve of our first game in the World Cup. He knows that each player will need 90g of pasta. How much pasta will he need to cook altogether?

## Dates for Your Diary

Tuesday 12th June	P1 Induction Day at 14:30 in St Joseph's
Saturday 16th June	Community Fun Day from 14:00 - 17:00 in St Joseph's
Thursday 21st June	End of year mass at 09:30 in St Colmcille's
Tuesday 26th June	P7 Leavers' concert in the Parochial Hall at 11:00
Friday 29th June	Last day of term (12:00 finish)