



St. JOSEPH'S NEWSLETTER

♥ FEBRUARY 2020 ♥

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Dear school community

Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

The theme this year was 'Living in Harmony with God's Creation.' We gathered each morning and reflected upon our world, our neighbours, our families and our school in the context of this theme. The week ended with an assembly with everyone pledging to do their part in being workers for God's kingdom.

INTERNET SAFETY DAY IS TUESDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2020

Throughout next week teachers will be talking to pupils about e-safety. One only has to watch the news or read the papers to find about the dangers children are facing through online and social media access. No age is immune from the dangers of the internet. For further information and information for your children visit:

<http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>

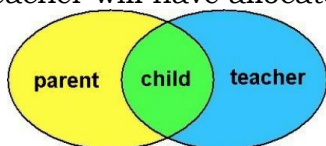
Or <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/>



On Monday 10th February we are hosting a PARENT INFORMATION session from 2.30 – 3pm on keeping our children safe online.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent / Teacher interviews are beginning this week. Each teacher will have allocated a date and time for parents to come along and avail of the opportunity to discuss their child's progress to date. Meetings are scheduled for ten minute intervals and we kindly ask that timings are kept to aid the smooth running order.



PEACE PROMS

This year we brought 46 pupils to the RDS in Dublin to perform at the Peace Proms on Sunday 2nd February. Yet again it was a fantastic occasion to be part of with great memories of a great day. Thank you to Mrs Garvey our Music Coordinator who made all this possible not just on the day but the months and months of organisation and rehearsals.



PTA Coffee Morning

Sunday 1st March is the date for Friends of St. Joseph's Primary School Coffee Morning from 10.30am to 1pm. We kindly ask our parent body to help with the provision of all things nice (cakes, bakes, buns etc) either homemade or locally sourced. We very much appreciate your generosity and support.



ECO Schools Cash for Clobber

Reminder to send in any unwanted clothes, curtains, shoes to the school by this Monday 10th February. CTR's Cash for Clobber schools' recycling scheme sponsors Eco Schools' Waste Topic. The joint programme is an international initiative designed to encourage action for the environment and raise much-needed funds for our school.

50 year Anniversary Mass



On Friday 27th March at 10.30am we will be having a special mass in St. Joseph's Church, Meigh to celebrate 50 years of excellent education on its present site. Auxiliary Bishop of Armagh, Micheal Router will be the chief celebrant. It would be lovely to see everyone and anyone with any connection to this great school down through the years. All pupils will go home early on this day.

Gala Spring Ball

The place to be on Saturday 23rd May 2020 is Killeavy Castle Estate for our much anticipated 50th Year Gala Ball Celebration. Demand is



anticipated to be high with seating limited to 190 persons.

Ticket price is £75. All tickets purchased by Friday 5th May will be entered into a draw for one of 4 rooms in the castle itself on the night of the function. (1 ticket = 4 chances)

Tickets will be on release very SOON....

P4 Sacraments

Primary 4 will be participating in their Enrolment Ceremony for First Communion on Monday evening 10th February at the school. They shall be making their First Confession at St. Joseph's Church at 7.30pm on Monday 9th March. Please remember them all in your prayers as they receive this sacrament at this important milestone on their faith journey.

Credit Union Quiz

Thank you to the boys and girls who attended the annual Credit Union Quiz last Friday evening up in Forkhill. By all accounts it was a close fought contest with two of our teams just being pipped in a tie breaker. Well done to all involved with special thanks to Mr Shields and Mr McVerry for preparation and being there on the night.



Dates for Your Diary

10th February - P4 Enrolment Ceremony
7.30pm

10th February – Parent Internet Safety Talk
2.30pm

11th February – Internet Safety Day

13th February – P5 Educational Visit Navan Fort, Armagh

14th February - **School Closed** for Parent/Teacher Interviews

17th-21st February Mid Term Break

24th February – School re-opens

5th March – World Book Day – dress up

9th March – P4 First Confession

13th March - **St Patrick's Day Concert**

16th & 17th March – **School Closed**