

Principal's Update 10.11.22



Dear Parents,

It is so lovely to have our pupils back with us for the second half of this term. Lots of work ahead in preparation for our Christmas Plays which are scheduled to take place on **Tuesday 13th December 2022. We hope to have two performances, one in the morning and one in the evening.** We will update you in due course regarding the process of purchasing tickets for this whole school event.



The date for our P4 Holy Communion is confirmed to take place on **Sunday 21st May 2022 at 10.00a.m in St. Joseph's Church Poyntzpass.**



On **Monday 14.11.22**, we are facilitating the opportunity for our pupils to **walk to school each morning that week, as part of our focus on 'Safe Roads For All' initiative.** We invite all those pupils interested in walking to school to meet with Mrs Wadsworth each morning at 8.40a.m. at the turning for Redmond O'Hanlons. We will depart at 8.40 a.m. punctually wearing our high visibility vests. As the evenings are naturally darker, we wish to remind pupils of the importance of wearing clothing/reflectors that ensures they can be seen.



We are inviting **all our pupils** on **Monday 14th** to wear their **odd socks** to celebrate what makes us all unique. This is part of our launch in supporting Anti-Bullying week. Our pupils will be engaging in a range of activities with their class teachers throughout this week.



We are delighted to be able to celebrate the talent of our pupils. On Friday 25.11.22 our pupils will have the opportunity to perform their set poem from the stage in the Parish Hall. Banbridge Festival are providing the opportunity for our pupils to perform in house in front of their adjudicator on this date. All parents are welcome to join us on this day/morning. We will update you with the timetable for performances when we receive more information from the Banbridge Festival committee.

Reminder – Please help your child if they have entered to practise their poem at home.



We are offering a further 4 weeks of Anto Bee Active on Wednesdays beginning on Wednesday 23.11.22 – 14.12.22 and a further 3 weeks of soccer on Fridays from 25.11.22 – 9.12.22

After School Minding is currently running each Monday and Tuesday from 2.00-5.00p.m for the month of November. Please book by contacting Mrs Morrow on lmorrow846@c2kni.net

If you are interested in availing of this facility for the month of December, please do let us know and we will try to facilitate this.



All pupils will have the opportunity to enjoy a concert with the Ulster Orchestra in Newry Leisure Centre on Tuesday 15.11.22. Please ensure payment is made via parentpay, if you wish your child to attend. **We ask payment to be made no later than noon Monday 14.11.22**

Thank You!

We would like to extend a huge thankyou to everyone in our community who supported our Halloween disco and to all the members from our Friends of St. Joseph and St. James's who raised a fantastic £407.00.

As part of our focus in St. Joseph and St. James's we continue to highlight the importance of kindness always.



Wishing everyone in our school community a peaceful weekend ahead.

Yours in continued partnership

C. Wadsworth and staff of St. Joseph and St. James's P.S.