

Principal Update 10.11.23



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Dear Parents,

We hope you have enjoyed the Halloween celebrations and enjoyed the Half term break.

We had a wonderful time celebrating in style with our Halloween Parade and Halloween Disco, organised by our very hard working 'Friends of St. Joseph and St. James's' Team of parents.

Thank You!

We would like to sincerely thank all our parents from the 'Friends Of' group, who have done a wonderful job preparing for the Halloween Disco and decorating the Parish Hall.



This coming **Monday 13th November** we invite all pupils to wear their **ODD SOCKS** as it is the start of 'Antibullying week' This year it has the theme 'Make A Noise About Bullying' and will take place from Monday 13th to Friday 17th November. The week will be kicked off with Odd Socks Day on Monday 13th November, where adults and children wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique.

Ulster Orchestra for Primary Schools

Our pupils will be attending the Ulster Orchestra Primary School Concert on **Wednesday 22.11.23** at Newy Leisure Complex.



Wednesday 15th November

On Wednesday 15.11.23, from 1.00-3.00p.m we are delighted to be hosting once again our Speech and Drama Section for Banbridge Festival. This will take place in the Parish Hall. All parents/grandparents are most welcome to join us on this day to watch your child perform their set poem.



We are calling upon all of our pupils to join us and sing at the annual 'Christmas Tree light up' event in the village on Thursday 30.11.23.

All pupils in attendance are invited to wear their Santa hats and warm clothing. Meet Mrs Wadsworth at 6.50p.m. We will commence singing at 7.00p.m. Look forward to seeing as many of our pupils there.



A very important date for your calendars.

Our Annual Christmas Plays will take place on **Tuesday 12.12.23**

We will be holding a morning and an evening performance on this date. Tickets can be purchased via Parentpay.

We have 160 tickets per show, three tickets permitted per family. More may be released closer to the time.

Cost £3 per adult (12+) £1.50 per child aged 11 and under. Please book your tickets from today on parentpay.



We cannot believe it is nearly that time of year again. We are delighted to announce our school Christmas dinner will be held on **Thursday 14th December**. Our Friends of St. Joseph and St. James's are providing each child's Christmas lunch this year, as a Christmas present to all our pupils. We are so grateful for such a kind gesture. If you wish to avail of Christmas dinner can you please notify the school on or before 6.12.23 so we can update the school kitchen. All pupils are invited to wear their Christmas jumper on this day, as well as Friday 15.12.23 where we will have a 'party day' before school closes for all pupils from 1.00p.m. on that day. As part of the party day, pupils will be able to order school dinners/'party box' of Chips and chicken nuggets on this day. It will be a great way to finish off a busy school week.



What a wonderful celebration for our pupils who were the finalists and winners in the Credit Union Competition. Thank you to Matthew from TPM Credit Union for presenting our winners with their prizes.



Congratulations to our pupils who have received the Principal's award for continued hard work and overall endeavour. Well done Everyone.





Yours in continued partnership

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