



# January

2018

## IMPORTANT DATES

Wed	Jan 10 <sup>th</sup>	Last date for P1 application forms by 12 noon
Thur	Jan 25 <sup>th</sup>	P7 Service of Light and Commitment in St Therese of Lisieux Church 5pm
Wed	Jan 31 <sup>st</sup>	Grandparents' Day
Thur	Feb 8 <sup>th</sup>	P3 Pre Sacramental meeting in school at 5pm
Mon-Fri	Feb 12 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup>	Mid- term break (School Closed)
Mon	Feb 19 <sup>th</sup>	Book Fair in school
Mon	Feb 26 <sup>th</sup>	Sacrament of Confirmation in Holy Family Church at 4pm (School Closed at 12 noon)
Thur	March 1 <sup>st</sup>	Sacrament of First Confession in St Therese Church at 1pm
Mon	March 19 <sup>th</sup>	Holiday –school closed
Thurs	March 29 <sup>th</sup>	School closing at 12 noon for the Easter holidays
Mon	April 9 <sup>th</sup>	School reopens for Term 3
Sat	June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	P4 First Holy Communion in St Therese of Lisieux Church at 10am

*Happy New Year to our pupils and families from the staff and governors of St Therese of Lisieux Primary School. We look forward to a great year of learning in 2018.*

### CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations once again to all the children for their contributions to our Christmas celebrations. Their drama, singing and playing were appreciated by all who saw them. We have had so much positive feedback from parents, grandparents and community members.

### APPLICATIONS FOR SEPT 2018

Application forms are available from the school office.

**The closing date for applications is 12 noon on Wed Jan 10<sup>th</sup>.** Any applications received after this will be considered late. **All applications must be accompanied by proof of residence (eg recent utility bill).**

### ASSEMBLIES

P4 Mrs Quinn and Mulholland – Fri Jan 26<sup>th</sup>

P4 Mrs McDaniel –Fri Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>

P5 Miss McMullan –Fri Feb 9<sup>th</sup>

### EXTENDED SCHOOLS PROVISION

Breakfast and 123 Clubs are operating this week as usual. Other clubs will start next Monday (week beginning Jan 15<sup>th</sup>). Information has been sent out. Flower arranging will start on Tue 16<sup>th</sup> Jan. Information on evening Art and Circuits classes will be sent home as soon as we have dates.

### St VINCENT DE PAUL

St Vincent de Paul can help families in need by supplying food vouchers, household goods and money for home heating. If you would benefit from this support, then please ring 90351561.

### CHRISTMAS BALLOTS

Sean Remington in P5 won the lovely Christmas Hamper donated by Mr and Mrs McCready. The school council are using the money raised from the ballot to buy resources for lunchtime.

Thank you all for supporting our Gigantic Christmas Ballot and to the very generous staff and local business owners who helped us with so many lovely prizes. Winners listed below.

**Beautiful oil painting by Natasha Barr won by E Ferguson**  
**Luxury Hampers donated by the staff of St Therese won by S Johnson, P McKenna, P Connolly, P Connolly, H McLaughlin and R McLarnon**

**£55 MR Sports voucher won by L White**  
**Superdry Sunglasses donated by Fortwilliam Opticians won by M McKenna**

**10lb turkey voucher donated by Stanleys Family Butcher won by S Montague**

**Fortwilliam Golf Club Restaurant Voucher won by L Owens**  
**Balmoral Hotel Voucher won by C Agunbiade**

**Chester Voucher won by C Leworthy**  
**Three bags of coal donated by Cavehill Road Spar won by S Welchman,**

**Pizzaworks Family Meal Deal won by D Phoenix,**  
**Christmas floral arrangement by Ivy Vance won by R Moore,**  
**Flowers donated by Reid's Florist, Fortwilliam won by M Barr**

**Fruit hamper donated by Fortwilliam Greengrocers won by N Rooney**

**CT15 Voucher won by C Owens**

**Cassidy's Bar Voucher won by L Moore**

**Cinema tickets donated by Movie House won by L Conroy**  
**Mrs Spence's Knitted Nativity Scene won by N Rooney.**

## POST PRIMARY OPEN DAYS

Post Primary Open Days/Evenings will be taking place this month. A list was sent home with the P6 and P7 pupils before Christmas. Parents of P6 pupils may find it beneficial to attend some open evenings this year just in case they cannot attend them all next year.

## CREDIT UNION COMPETITION

Congratulations to Dylan Quinn (P2), one of the winners in the Newington Credit Union Competition. Credit Union staff visit the school every Thursday morning to accept lodgements. New members are very welcome (children and adults). Application forms available at the office.

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL APPEAL

Thank you so much for the very generous donations to the St Vincent De Paul appeal. The hampers were greatly appreciated.

## PTA

The PTA would like to thank all the parents and staff who helped out at the Christmas Disco. The children had a wonderful evening with their friends and some of them even got to meet Santa.

The fantastic new stage, funded by the PTA, was greatly appreciated by the staff and pupils during our Christmas Concerts and we are also very thankful for the 12 new ipads we have just taken delivery of, again funded by the PTA. Remember you can stay up to date with the PTA through their Facebook page- St Therese of Lisieux PS PTA

## SHOESHARE

Our school shoeshare appeal for UNICEF was brilliant. 21 bags of shoes were donated!! All money raised will go to create school boxes full of resources to support children in schools all over the world. Many thanks for all your donations.



## FREE MICROSOFT OFFICE

C2k (who provide IT and internet services to schools) have a licence agreement with MICROSOFT that all school users (including pupils) can download, free of charge, full copies of MS Office for PC or Mac for use on up to 5 devices. A helpsheet explaining how to do this is available from reception.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

We will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week from Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January to Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. Catholic Schools Week gives everyone involved in Catholic education the opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the contribution that our Catholic schools make to Irish life. The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2018 is 'Catholic Schools: Called to be a family of families'.

During the week, the children shall be involved in a range of daily activities in class. Alongside these activities, our P5-P7 children will be attending and contributing to the parish daily Masses. Once again, we shall be holding **Grandparents' Day** this year. Grandparents of children in P1-P2 will be visiting classes at 10am, grandparents of children in P3 and P4 at 10.40am and grandparents of children in P5-7 will be visiting classes at 11.15am on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January. We warmly encourage as many grandparents as possible to participate in this special day in which we celebrate all that they do for the girls and boys of our school.

## CONFIRMATION

Confirmation of P7 pupils will be held this year on **Monday Feb 26<sup>th</sup> at 4pm** in Holy Family Church. The school will close for all pupils at 12 noon.

## FAITH FRIENDS

Pupils from Blessed Trinity College will be helping our P7 pupils prepare for their confirmation through the Faith Friends programme. This programme will take place after school from 3.15-3.45pm on 24/01, 07/02, 21/02, 28/02 and 07/03.

## DOGS

We have had a number of complaints about dogs/dog fouling in the playground. Some children are afraid of dogs even if they are on a lead, so we respectfully ask that no dogs are brought into the school grounds other than guide/assistance dogs.

## SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Please check that all items of uniform and coats, hats, etc. are clearly labelled with your child's name so that they can be quickly returned to the rightful owner if they are lost/found.

## NORTH BELFAST ADVICE PARTNERSHIP

The North Belfast Advice Partnership provides free, independent, confidential advice on debt management, welfare rights and benefits. They can be contacted on 90391225.

## TWITTER

Follow us on Twitter to hear the latest news and see some of the children's activities - <https://twitter.com/TheresePS>. Send a request to follow us and let Mr Reynolds know so that he can accept you.