



January

2019

IMPORTANT DATES

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| Thur | Jan 17 th | PTA AGM at 7pm |
| Tue | Jan 29 th | P1-P4 Parents' Workshop: Overview of Child Development 9.15am |
| Wed | Jan 30 th | Grandparents' Day |
| Thur | Feb 7 th | P7 Service of Light and Commitment at 5pm in St Therese Church |
| Mon –Fri | Feb 18 th -22 nd | Mid-term break (<u>School Closed</u>) |
| Mon | Feb 25 th | Book Fair in school |
| Mon | March 4 th | Sacrament of Confirmation, Holy Family Church, 11am (<u>School Closed</u>) |
| Thur | March 14 th | St Patrick's Day Concert |
| Mon | March 18 th | Holiday (<u>School closed</u>) |
| Wed-Fri | March 20-22 nd | P7 Residential Trip to the Share Centre |
| Tue | March 26 th | Talking About Tough Issues –Session 1 |
| Wed | March 27 th | P3 Sacrament of First Confession 1pm in St Therese Church |
| Thurs | April 18 th | School closing at noon for the Easter Holidays |
| Mon | April 29 th | School reopening for Term 3 |
| Sat | May 11 th | 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 2019.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations once again to all the children for their contribution 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 2019

Applications for P1 must be made online, on the Education Authority website. The closing date for applications is **midnight Thurs Jan 31st 2019**. Any applications made after this will be considered late. **You must bring your child's birth cert to the school along with proof of residence (eg recent utility bill)**. More information is available at <https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions>

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Breakfast and 123 Clubs are operating this week as usual. Other clubs will start in the week beginning Monday Jan 21st. Information will be sent out this week.

SCHOOL COUNCIL BALLOT

F Black won the lovely Christmas Hamper donated by the McCready family. The school council are going to use the money raised to buy resources for lunchtime.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

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

ASSEMBLIES

P5 Miss McMullan-Fri. Jan 25th at 9.30am
P4 Miss McClenaghan-Fri Feb 1st at 9.30am
Parents and family members warmly invited to attend.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation of P7 pupils will be held this year on **Monday March 4th at 11am** in Holy Family Church. **The school will be closed for pupils.**

OVERVIEW OF CHILD DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

Help your child reach their full potential. This workshop for parents of P1-4 children provides practical ideas to support children's social, emotional and behavioural development, sensory-motor development, visual perceptual skills and speech and language skills. **In the school hall on Tues 29th Jan at 9.15am.**

TALKING ABOUT TOUGH ISSUES

Talking About Tough Issues (TATI), is an opportunity for parents of P7 pupils to come together to talk through some of the issues your children will face in their teenage years. These workshops will provide information drugs, alcohol, social media, peer pressure, adolescent trends and behaviours, mental health, well-being and relationships. Sessions are enjoyable, practical, relaxed and supportive, and will help you to prepare for some of the tricky conversations you may need to have in the near future. TATI was initiated by the Down and Connor Diocese, is funded by the Public Health Agency and will be delivered by Lisburn YMCA. The sessions take place in school on 26th March, 2nd, 9th and 16th April from 9.00-11.15am.

POST PRIMARY OPEN DAYS

Post Primary Open Days/Evenings will be taking place this month. 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.

Edmund Rice College-9th Jan
Belfast Royal Academy-9th and 10th Jan
St Malachy's College- 16th and 17th Jan
Dominican College- 19th Jan
Blessed Trinity College-22nd and 23rd Jan
Mercy College-17th Jan

BELFAST SCHOOLS U 11 EDCO CUP

St Therese of Lisieux played the 2nd round of the U11 Cup Vs St Joseph's, Ballyhackamore in a very competitive and hard fought game at the Waterworks. After a tense period of normal time, the two teams could not be separated and extra time was required. After a goalless first half of extra-time, St Therese emerged 3-1 victors to progress to the next round in the new year.

ST MALACHY'S CUP

St Therese of Lisieux took part in the inaugural St Malachy's Cup at Girdwood Sports Hub as part of the A Level PE students' project. In a very professional and well run event, St Therese came 5th overall with Fiachra Strong being named as 'Player of the Tournament' for his outstanding performance in goals. A super achievement from the boys in a tournament that showed some absolutely fantastic skills from all the children involved.



CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE at ULSTER UNIVERSITY

Congratulations to Anna Roberts (P4) and Maura McDaid (P7) who were prize winners in the Confucius Institute's Chinese New Year poster competition. Miss Chen, our Mandarin tutor, teaches hundreds of pupils across four different schools and these were her only winners! The girls will be invited to a prize giving ceremony during Chinese New Year celebrations.

CHRISTMAS BALLOTS

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

Radisson Blu Voucher won by M Clance
Natasha Barr Print won by P Ryan
Luxury Hampers donated by St Therese staff won by A McGranaghan, D Cole, R Stevenson, P Jago, V Blackburn, M Stevenson
Carlin Hair Voucher won by A O Kane
Luxe at Carlin Voucher won by G Lawlor
MR Sports Afterschool Club place won by J Paul
Winter Circus Voucher won by N Donaldson
Stanleys Family Butcher turkey voucher won by L McManus
Balmoral Pharmacy gifts sets won by M O Kane and A Darby
Chester Voucher won by R O Kane
Cavehill Road Spar voucher won by P Connelly
Pizzaworks Family Meal Deal won by S Hughes
Reid's Flowers, Fortwilliam won by L Logan
Fortwilliam Greengrocers Fruit hamper won by G Lawlor
CT15 Voucher won by A Martin
Cassidy's Bar Voucher won by A Missry
Movie House Cinema tickets won by U McMahan
Mrs Spence's Handcrafted Nativity won by M Linden.
Afternoon Tea at Belfast Castle won by P Barber
MOBILITY Sports Therapy Clinic voucher won by C Owens
Murphy Brown's voucher won by C McWilliams
Madigan's Court wine and chocolates won by H McCrisken
Beaujet Salon Voucher won by P McKenna
Bluebell Bakery Voucher won by T McGreevy
Mrs Spence's Crocheted Nativity Figures won by Mrs Spence's Handcrafted Decorations won by J Vernon
Simply Judo Suit won by C Owens
Elf Family Ticket- M Kuhnke

PTA

Thanks to the PTA for the brilliant Christmas Disco and for arranging for Santa to visit St Therese during his busiest time of year. The PTA AGM is on Thur Jan 17th at 7pm in the school. New members are very welcome. The work of the PTA is much appreciated by the staff and the children but organising the various events takes a lot of time so additional members and volunteers are always needed.

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.