



October 2016

IMPORTANT DATES

Mon 31st Oct – Fri 4th Nov – School closed for the Halloween Break

Thur 27th Oct – P1 and P7 Class Photos

Thursday 8th Dec- School closed for pupils. Parent Teacher meetings taking place

Wed. 7th Dec- P1 Christmas Show

Wed 14th Dec – P3 Christmas Show

FEAST OF ST THERESE OF LISIEUX

Congratulations to all the children and staff involved in our celebrations for the feast of St Therese of Lisieux and the opening of our new school year. Miss Gargan's P3 assembly told us all about St Therese and her 'Little Ways' and how we can be like her every day by being kind and caring. P4 –P7 attended our opening mass and their prayerful, respectful attitude and amazing singing made it a wonderful and inspiring celebration.

PRIMARY 1

Well done to all of our new P1s who are now in school the full day and are enjoying all the lovely learning opportunities their teachers have planned for them.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

All of the children look so smart in their uniforms. Please make sure that each item of clothing is labelled clearly with your child's name and class so that if anything is lost we can quickly return it to its rightful owner.

PE UNIFORM

PE uniform should be worn on the day your child is timetabled for PE or swimming.

The uniform is available from Truly Fare. You can contact them at 90614447/90236374 or email trulyfareschoolware@gmail.com

NB Normal school uniform must be worn on all other days.

'123' CLUB

Our '**123' Club** – 2-3pm for children in P1-3, operates Mondays to Thursdays - cost is £2 or £1 for those on Free School Meals.

DOGS

We have had a number of complaints about dogs 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.

MUSIC AND SPANISH FEES

We would appreciate it if fees for Spanish and music tuition are sent in to school as soon as possible.



P3 have been learning about healthy and unhealthy foods and made some amazing food characters!

PHONE NUMBERS

If you have changed your phone number recently please make sure that the school has the new number as it can be very distressing for a sick child if we cannot contact their parents quickly.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

Our P1 and P7 classes will have their class photographs taken by Tempest Photographers on **Thursday 27th Oct October 2016**. We hope all children are present on that day so parents have a great record of their child's first and last years with their peers! Although photographs are taken, parents do not have to decide to buy one until they see a proof copy which is sent home first.

Individual and family photos will be taken later in the year.

MORNING SUPERVISION

The playground is supervised from 8.45 am each morning. Parents who need to send their children to school earlier than this should use the Breakfast Club so that the children are safely supervised. The Breakfast Club does not need to be booked in advance.

Breakfast Club is open every morning at 8 am- the cost is £2/£1 per day.

Only children at the breakfast club should be in school before 8.45am

SCHOOL SAFETY

To keep the children safe the main gates are closed during the day so if you do come through the pedestrian gates, please remember to close the gates behind you.

If a parent needs to drop something to school during the day that your child has forgotten please hand it in at reception and staff will make sure your child gets it.

Parents should not access classrooms during the school day, to ensure we comply with safeguarding regulations.

BEAT THE STREET

Well done to everyone who has been taking part in our 'Beat the Street' challenge. We are currently in 56th place out of 180 schools in the Greater Belfast area and we are steadily moving up the leader board. The challenge will be running until Wed November 2nd so don't forget to scan your fobs and cards at a Beat Box when walking, cycling and scooting in order to earn points for our school.

You can check the leader boards at <https://beatthestreet.me/ni>

Remember to wear bright clothing and follow the Green Cross Code when you are out and about!

MONEY – SAFE HANDLING

All money sent into school should be put in an envelope clearly marked with a child's name, class, amount and purpose. Exact amounts would be greatly appreciated.

CREDIT UNION

Newington Credit Union visits the school every Thursday morning. We have a number of children who are Credit Union members and save regularly each week. New members are very welcome, both children and adults. Anyone wanting to join can pick up an application form from the office.

EXTENDED SCHOOLS PROVISION

The **Homework Club** for P4 –P7 operates on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3-4pm. This is supervised by a teacher. Cost is £2 or £1 for those on Free School Meals.

Knit and Chat and Flower Arranging classes have already started on Tuesday evenings from 7-8pm. New members are very welcome. Bootcamp will be starting soon. We will send details home in the next few weeks.

BIKE IT NEWS

Our '**Spooky Cycle Day**' will take place on **Friday 28th October**. Children can be as creative and inventive as they wish in 'dressing up' their bikes. Prizes galore so we hope you are able to join in the fun! **(Please remember bikes and scooters MUST be walked inside school grounds).**

PTA NEWS

The next meeting of the PTA is on Tue 11th Oct at 6.30pm 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. Suggestions and ideas for fund raising activities are also always welcome.

GAELIC NEWS

The boys' gaelic team had their first run out on Thursday at Lamh Dhearg. St Bernard's was their first challenge and after a closely fought match the game ended 0-03 to 0-02.

Next up we played St Aloyisus and after some stylish goals we won with an impressive score of 3-02 to 1-00. Our final opponents were Christ the Redeemer but after playing two games in a row with a heavy wind unfortunately Christ the Redeemer found that little extra drive in the second half and the game ended 3-1 to 1-03.

After all six matches St Bernard's came out as overall winners. It was a fantastic afternoon of football and the boys were a credit to the school.

A big thank you to Miss McMullan for organising the team, the matches and the transport.

JUMP, JIGGLE and JIVE

Jump, Jiggle and Jive is on Mondays at 12noon for 0-4yrs olds in the school hall.

A few places are available and it is a lovely, social opportunity for parents and children.

For further details contact Amanda at a.mcgall@ntlworld.com

CHILDRENS LITURGY

Children from P2-P5 are warmly invited to the Children's Liturgy at 10.30am Mass every Sunday in St Therese of Lisieux church.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mr Coyle and his wife, on the safe arrival of baby Juliet in September.

MRS REID

Mrs Reid has asked us to pass on her heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all of the children and their parents for the many wonderful cards, gifts and messages of goodwill she received on her recent retirement. She has promised to keep us all in her thoughts and prayers and wishes everyone a happy and successful new school year.

Don't forget this newsletter can be accessed on our website www.stthereseoflisieux.co.uk

