

St. Joseph's Convent Primary School

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Dear Parent(s), Guardians

Dates for your diary:

First Confession for Primary Four pupils will be held on **Wednesday 21st November at 7.00 p.m.** in St. Brigid's.

The annual Flu Vaccine programme will be carried out in school on Thursday 22nd November for P.1 – P.7 pupils.

Dress Up Day for Halloween will take place on Tuesday 30th October 2018. Pupils bring in £1 for school funds.

The Lions Sponsored Swim for all P.6 + P.7 pupils will take place on Tuesday 4th December. All pupils who received swimming lessons in P.5 will be able to participate and give back to the community for Christmas.

There was one nomination for the Parent's Representative on the Board of Governors. Congratulations to Mr. Martin Rafferty who continues to represent the parents on the school Board of Management.

Every year we plan really good programmes for parents as our school is the centre of the community. We hope that these events will be received with interest. The courses and speakers are really good opportunities for parents to help their children at home, have time to meet other parents and to role model adults learning for the children.

The cookery programme started on Tuesday 16th. It was a really good session with Kathleen who provided tips on how to cook a large lasagne very economically which will serve dinner for the family for a couple of days. We all sat down and ate it with a bit of chat and it was very relaxed and informal.

Any parent who sent a reply slip back to school for the cookery programme can attend the sessions they indicated.

We also have the Family Learning Programme with three sessions for parents. (Attached Flyer) These speakers are really good at helping parents to know what the children are learning in literacy and numeracy and how they can be helped in the home.

Pupils can only leave school early for a medical reason such as appointment with the doctor.

Pupils are supervised from 8.30 a.m. in the mornings after they enter the gates to the playgrounds. If you drop your child at school before this time, please note that the children are not supervised.

A homework club has started at lunch time for pupils who do not have their homework completed from the night before.

The Annual Report for 2017/18 is available in the school office.

In the event of an unplanned school closure for example adverse weatherparents will receive notification through a school text and the school website. Please ensure you provide the school with your up-to-date mobile phone number.

Saint Vincent de Paul has informed school that anyone who needs support with Christmas should either contact them directly at 30 Mill St. Helpline (028 30252968) or shop (028 30267590) or a form may also be collected from the school office.

Thank you for your full support and co-operation in all matters.

Yours Sincerely

Doreen O'Neill

Principal