

# ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



April 2022

## NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers,

This month saw the beginning of our fundraising efforts to support Trocaire in their response to the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine. Already the boys and girls have raised a significant amount through our 'Trad for Trocaire,' 'Crazy Hair Day,' and 'Non-uniform Day.' Thank you for your continued support and generosity. We will proceed with our fundraising efforts up until Easter, with our Bun/Cake Sale on Friday 8th April and our annual Easter Raffle. Local Playwrite, Director and Actor, Stephen Beggs, delivered Drama workshops with the children from Killough Playgroup and St Joseph's. Stephen commented on how well the children participated in the workshops, how creative and imaginative the children were as well as spotting some natural talent!!

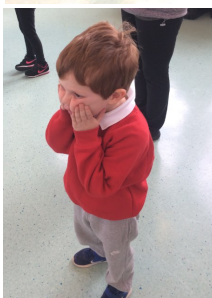
### Arrangements for First Communion, Confirmation and First Confession

The boys and girls in Primary Four will be making their First Communion on Saturday 14th May, with the Primary Seven children making their Confirmation on Wednesday 18th May. As Covid is still very much in the community restrictions will still be in place for each of the sacraments. Fr Peter has advised us that parents, siblings and grandparents of the children making their **First Communion** and **Confirmation** are permitted to attend the Mass. Face coverings are advised.

For children making their **First Confession** on 5th May, two adults are permitted to attend. We thank you for your support and understanding with this.



Stephen Beggs Drama Workshops



Stephen Beggs visited our school last week and brought to life some of our favourite children's books... 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carl, 'Jack and the Beanstalk' by Julia Donaldson and 'James and the Giant Peach' by Roald Dahl. The children learned all about freeze frames and got to dramatise favourite scenes from the books. What better way to instil the love of reading than through the medium of drama!



Breakfast Club runs every day from 8:15am to 8:45am at a cost of £1 per day. Children have a choice of cereals, breads and pancakes, juice milk and tea with bacon on a Wednesday and sausages on a Friday. Any child in school before 8:45am will be presumed to be at Breakfast Club and will be charged accordingly.

### Child Protection Procedures

**St Joseph's safeguarding team are:**

Designated Teacher: Mrs K Collins

Deputy Designated Teachers: Mrs C Toner and Mrs J Maguire

Chairperson of the Board of Governors: Mr J Kearney

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Mr Rooney brought in lots of percussion instruments for us to play. He even let some of us play his very own Bodhran! Mr Rooney taught us all about traditional Irish music, the various Irish instruments and explained how traditional music has changed over the years. Mr Rooney then let us listen to some modern Irish music and we got to play along to an Irish Reel.



Last Friday we wore blue and yellow clothes and accessories in support of Ukraine. Blue and yellow are the colours on the Ukrainian flag. We also had Crazy Hair Day to raise money for Ukraine. It was lovely to see all the funny, crazy hairstyles!!



## School Uniform

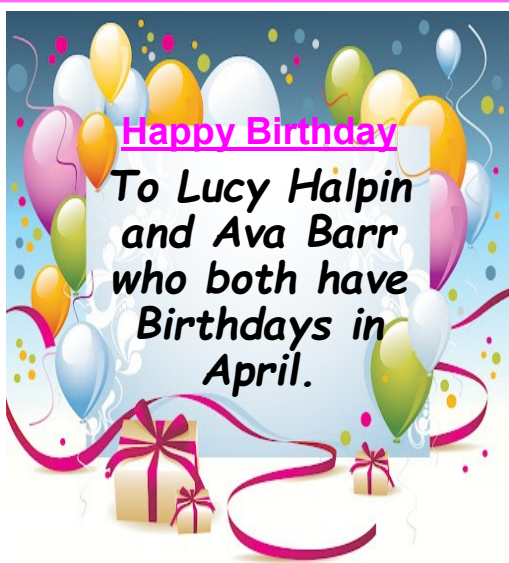
All children should come to school in full school uniform each day unless requested to do otherwise.

Plain black or dark grey bottoms and school sweatshirt and white polo shirt are the minimum requirement.

Patterned or striped bottoms should not be worn.

Anyone requiring school uniform should contact 'Personal Threads Embroidery' directly through Facebook to place their order.

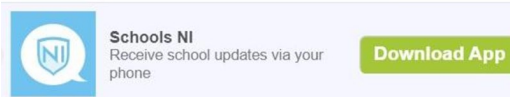
**If you require a new school sweatshirt for your child's First Confession or Confirmation please order these as soon as possible.**



## School App

Our school is now listed in the Schools NI App, which allows you to view school updates and receive messages via your phone or tablet. The App is available on both Apple and Android devices, and will give you access to our school news, calendar, events and newsletters.

To install the App, open our school website on your phone or tablet and click the 'Download App' button that appears at the top of the screen.



## **Dates for your diary**

Thursday 5th May  
Saturday 14th May  
Monday 16th May  
Wednesday 18th May  
Tuesday 31st May  
Thursday 23rd June  
Friday 24th June

P3 First Confession at 1:00pm  
P4 First Holy Communion at 11:00am  
Photographer for P1, P7 and Holy Communion Photos  
P7 Confirmation at 11:00am  
Sports Day (Weather Permitting)  
Mr Rooney's End of Year Trip to Let's Go Hydro  
Primary Seven Leavers Assembly