

St Eugene's PS, Victoria Bridge

Newsletter

November 2022



Admissions to Reception and P1 for 2023!

It is that time again when preparations begin for welcoming new children to our school. We will be holding our Open Day on Monday 19th of December between 10am and 12 noon. If you have a child due to begin Pre-School or P1 in the new academic year we would love to see you. If you are unable to attend the Open Day, contact the office and we can arrange a private appointment.



Integrated Education Update

You will be aware that last term our parents voted overwhelmingly in favour of transformation to Integrated Status. Miss Gormley has started work on our Case for Change document and hopes to submit this early in 2023. She would welcome any help available from parents, friends, and members of the community. If you can help collect expressions of interest or with the promotion of our intentions, then Miss Gormley would be delighted to hear from you.



Sacrament Dates

Fr Canning has advised that the Confirmation will take place on Saturday 25th of March at 11.30am and First Holy Communion will take place on Saturday 20th of May at 11am. These Sacraments will take place in St Theresa's Church, Sion Mills. Thank you to the grown-ups who attended the Sacramental Meeting with Fr Canning in October. If you were unable to attend and want your child to receive the Sacrament, please contact Fr Canning directly on 028 81658264.

Reminders!!!

Covid-19

Covid is still very much present in our community. We remind parents to be vigilant. If your child has symptoms of a cold, high temperature, change of taste and/or smell or a cough you should carry out a LFT. Children who are symptomatic in school will be sent home to be tested. If your child tests positive they must isolate from day zero (the day of symptoms/test) plus three more days afterwards. We need everyone to work together to avoid disruption to whole classes and staffing. You should inform the school if your child is positive.

Credit Union

Savings are collected every Tuesday. If you wish to join the Credit Union savings, please request an application form from Mrs Gallagher.



Telephoning the Office

Please be advised that Mrs Gallagher does not start work until 9.30am, therefore, there is no one available to take calls before this time. Other staff are tied up in morning briefings and other duties. If you are calling before 9.30am a recorded message can be left on the answer phone.

Important Dates

10th November — Alley Theatre Trip (P1-P7)

13th November — First Communion children invited to Mass in St Theresa's Church at 11am.

14th November — P6/7 Shared Education Trip to Stormont.

21st November - School closing at 2pm for all children due to unavoidable staff training.

22nd November — Last Shared Education visit to Newtown Stewart Model PS.

24th November — Health Visitor carrying out 3+ reviews for Reception Class.

5th December — Flu Immunisation by School Nursing Team.

7th December - Christmas Dinner.

15th December — Christmas Show 7pm.

Christmas Holidays: 22nd Dec — 4th Jan inclusive.



[Halloween Fancy Dress Party](#)

Thank you to our families for the fantastic effort for our Halloween Disco, the children had a brilliant time, and we appreciated the children being collected promptly afterwards. A special thank you to Victoria Bridge Cross Community Group for arranging the Mascots on the night.



[Polytunnel Project](#)

You will have read about our Polytunnel project on the October Newsletter. We renew our appeal to any members of our community who have an interest in gardening to make yourselves known. We could use all the help that we can get to get our polytunnel fully operational, this may be making/donating potting tables and/or other equipment or simply offering to share your gardening knowledge with children and staff.



[Medics in Primary Schools Project](#)

We welcome Lydia Spollen, 2nd year Medical Student from QUB. Lydia will be on placement with our P6/7 class, teaching the children about healthy bodies and lifestyles. She may even inspire some of the children to pursue a career in medicine.



[Parents & Friends Group](#)

We are hoping to get our parents and friends of St Eugene's group back up and running again. We hope to have a meeting at some point in November. This group is a great way to support the school and contribute to the experiences that the children receive. This does not require a great deal of commitment and you can be involved as little or as much as suits. If you would like to join the group keep your eyes peeled for details of the meeting.

[Christmas Show](#)

Our annual Christmas Show is scheduled for 7pm on Thursday 15th of December. Children will go home at 12.30 and return for their performance that evening. The show will begin at 7pm and we are delighted to inform you that the event will be open to all members of our community. Information on tickets will be provided in due course.