

St Therese of Lisieux Primary School

Prospectus



Principal: Mrs Siobhan McTaggart B.Ed, M.Ed, PQH (ND)



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Mission Statement

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Chairperson of the Board of Governors



Our Vision

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We aim to promote high achievement and learning for life by:

- 🌹 providing a Catholic education within a caring, safe and friendly environment
- 🌹 developing our children’s individual needs and talents to their full potential
- 🌹 fostering positive caring relationships within the whole school community where children are encouraged to recognise and respect the feelings and attitudes of others
- 🌹 encouraging children to accept responsibility for their own behaviour, through promoting self-discipline and increasing independence
- 🌹 providing a broad and balanced curriculum delivered with support and encouragement to succeed
- 🌹 continually striving for improvement, working together toward common goals.



Staffing 2019-2020

Principal	Mrs Siobhan McTaggart
Vice Principal	Mr Fergus Coyle
P1 Teachers	Ms Denise Dorman Mrs Gemma McDaniel
P2 Teachers	Mrs Corinna McWilliams Mrs Anne McClurg/Mrs Rita White
P3 Teachers	Miss Pauline Gargan Mrs Grainne Black
P4 Teachers	Ms Claire McClenaghan Miss Shannon O'Neill
P5 Teachers	Miss Eimear McMullan Mrs Jennifer Hamill / Mrs Julie O'Prey
P6 Teachers	Mrs Oonagh McIlwaine Mrs Christine Quinn
P7 Teachers	Mr James McFerran Mr Neil Reynolds
Additional Support Staff	Mr Fergus Coyle (SEN CO) Mrs Patricia Mulholland Ms Aoife Scannell Mrs Julie O'Prey

School Uniform

Each child is expected to wear the school uniform which consists of:

Girls

- 🍁 Brown skirt/pinafore
- 🍁 Light blue shirt
Brown v-neck pull over or cardigan
- 🍁 Brown and blue striped tie
- 🍁 Fawn or brown socks/tights
- 🍁 Outdoor shoes brown/black (no trainers)
- 🍁 Summer dress in third term

Boys

- 🍁 Brown trousers
- 🍁 Light blue shirt
Brown v-neck pull over
- 🍁 Brown and blue striped tie
- 🍁 Fawn socks
- 🍁 Outdoor shoes brown/black (no trainers)
- 🍁 Brown knee length shorts in third term



P1 Physical Education Uniform

- 🍁 Dark trainers, tracksuit (available through school)
- Parents are asked to clearly mark all their child's belongings.

About our school

St Therese of Lisieux Primary School is one of the parish schools of Holy Family Parish. The school is situated on the Antrim Road and the present bright and well maintained building opened in September 1988. It has been furnished with a purpose built lift catering for those children with mobility difficulties.

The main school consists of a two storey building containing 14 classrooms, two specially dedicated Special Needs Rooms, a Reading Room, a Library, a Computer Suite, a P.E. Hall, Canteen and Staffroom. Classrooms are grouped in clusters of three or four and open on to a shared learning area where children have access to a number of resources. Play areas are central to the Foundation Stage classrooms and create a stimulating, interesting and inviting area for Foundation Stage children. The P.E. Hall is well equipped to meet the demands of the Northern Ireland Curriculum. All classrooms in the school are connected to the C2K network and all rooms contain Interactive Whiteboards.

A new extension to the school opened in September 2008. The unit contains three classrooms, a medical room, two main storage areas and has self contained cloakroom facilities, including a disabled toilet.



Activities

Football



Orchestra



Bike It Project



Gaelic Football



Arts and Crafts



Judo



Tin Whistle



Learning and Teaching

In St Therese of Lisieux, our Learning and Teaching Policy is at the heart of everything we do, setting high expectations for ourselves and others to ensure that our children are provided with high quality experiences which will lead to a consistently high level of pupil achievement.

This policy reflects our class room practice, our core values and the ways in which we have incorporated the key principles of the revised curriculum. We value teamwork, shared ownership and the roles and responsibilities of all stakeholders. Our vision statement says 'with a smile and a helping hand we inspire the children of today to become the adults of tomorrow'. Everyone in the school community continually strives to ensure that the experiences we offer our children will prepare them for the challenges and opportunities of adult life.

Core values of our Learning and Teaching policy

- ✿ To provide a Catholic education within a caring, safe and friendly environment.
- ✿ To promote and develop the individual needs and talents of each child to their full potential.
- ✿ To foster positive, caring relationships within the whole school community by encouraging children to accept responsibility for their own behaviour through promoting self-discipline and increasing independence.
- ✿ To produce happy, confident, outgoing children who show respect and care towards others and themselves.
- ✿ To have a consistent approach to behaviour throughout the school with parental cooperation and involvement.

Aims of our Learning and Teaching policy

- ✿ To ensure all our children achieve high standards in all areas of the curriculum.
- ✿ To develop independent, confident, enthusiastic learners who take increasing responsibility for their own learning and progress.
- ✿ To provide a safe, calm and happy learning environment where all children feel safe, included and respected.
- ✿ To challenge the children to do their best by setting high expectations, involving them in setting their own targets and encouraging them to be reflective learners.
- ✿ To ensure children enjoy learning.
- ✿ To develop pro-active children who make a positive contribution to the school and global community.
- ✿ To work with parents, professional colleagues and outside agencies to enhance our children's learning.



Links with Parents



Parental involvement ranks high in our priorities. A number of parents assist in a number of ways in the school. Their help in escorting the children on educational visits and to weekly Masses is greatly appreciated. A number of parents have trained in the Better Reading Partnership Programme (BELB) and are supporting reading at KS1. The views of parents are sought out key points our School Development Planning cycle and inform our strategic aims of improving the standards and achievements of all our children.

We are extremely fortunate to have a thriving parents' committee who are always engaged in fund-raising. Examples of recent financial assistance include: funding for iPads, playground markings and a stage for the school hall. All of the functions they organise not only give children great enjoyment and raise much appreciated funds for the school, but they also help to give parents the opportunity to meet each other, learn more about and become more involved in the life of the school.

The school has a website which is currently being updated but can still be accessed at www.stthereseoflisieux.co.uk. The website helps to keep parents and friends informed of many aspects of their children's school life and also contains important information on Policies and Procedures. We also include our Newsletter which is sent out to parents each month.



Pupil Involvement

We value the voice of the children at St Therese of Lisieux Primary School. The children have the opportunity to become involved in a variety of personal development programmes including the School Council, the Eco Council and the Anti-Bullying Ambassadors Team. Children can also volunteer to become Digital Leaders, Break Time Personal Trainers, Library Helpers and Lunch Time Buddies.

We are an Eco School and each class works hard to maintain our Eco Flag.

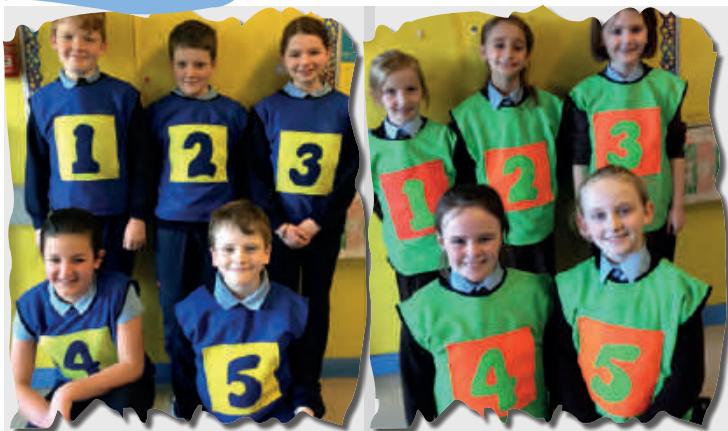
Eco Helpers



Digital Leaders



Break Time Personal Trainers



School Council



It is our overall aim that all of our children will be welcomed into a happy and safe learning environment where they will be provided with a wide range of learning and teaching opportunities to help them achieve to their full potential. We value highly the role of our parents in achieving this overall aim.



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Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact the school office at any time to arrange an appointment with the Principal.