



# June

## 2022

### IMPORTANT DATES

Thur/Fri	June 2 <sup>nd</sup> - 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bank Holiday – school closed
Tue	June 7 <sup>th</sup>	P1 Sports Day in the playground 9.15-10.30am (Weather permitting)
Wed	June 8 <sup>th</sup>	P2 Sports Day in the playground 9.15-10.30am (Weather permitting)
Thur	June 9 <sup>th</sup>	P3 Sports Day in the playground 9.15-10.30am (Weather permitting)
Tue	June 14 <sup>th</sup>	P6 Sports Day in Blessed Trinity College 9.45-noon (Weather permitting)
Wed	June 15 <sup>th</sup>	P5 Sports Day in Blessed Trinity College 9.45-noon (Weather permitting)
Thur	June 16 <sup>th</sup>	P4 Sports Day in Blessed Trinity College 9.45-noon (Weather permitting)
Fri	June 17 <sup>th</sup>	P7 Sports Day in Blessed Trinity College 9.45-noon (Weather permitting)
Tue	June 21 <sup>st</sup>	PTA Fundraiser-Break the Rules Day
Thur	June 30 <sup>th</sup>	School closing at noon for the summer break
Wed	Aug 31 <sup>st</sup>	School reopens for the new school year for P2-7. Finishing at noon.

### SACRAMENTS

Congratulations to our P4 pupils who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday in two beautiful ceremonies. Huge thanks to Fr Morely, Fr Strain and Deacon Dowd for making the ceremonies so special for the boys and girls and to the PTA for the beautiful cakes!! Please keep the boys and girls in your prayers.

### SCHOOL SAFETY

Parents are asked not to drive into the school grounds, with the exception of blue badge holders. Please park with care and consideration in the vicinity of the school and be careful not to block gateways, drives and footpaths. Please be especially vigilant when reversing.

Children cycling or scooting to school should wear helmets. On arriving at the school gates, bikes/scooters should be walked to the parking areas.

**No dogs are allowed on the school grounds, other than assistance/guide dogs. We also ask that dogs are not left unattended outside of the school while you collect your child, in case they are frightened if approached by excited children.**

### WEBSITE APP

Our website is updated regularly with photos, news, information, important dates etc. The website also has an app that we would like all parents to download that allows us to send messages and updates directly to your phone.

The app is called SCHOOLS NI. Please download and choose St Therese of Lisieux Primary as your favourite school.

### DRAFT HOLIDAY LIST 2022-23

The draft holiday list is available on the website [here](#).

### SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

Mon to Thur: 8.30am-4.15pm Fri: 8.30am- 3.15pm

### FREE SCHOOL MEALS/UNIFORM ALLOWANCE

Free School Meals must be applied for each year. The application process for 2022-23 will open on June 6<sup>th</sup>. All parents/ guardians (including new applicants) are required to apply on-line via the EA website [here](#). The EA recommend that parents/ guardians apply before the end of July, to enable applications to be processed and approved for the new school year. Parents/ guardians are advised of the importance of providing valid Bank or Building Society account details in the claimant's own name. Payments cannot be made into Post Office accounts. To be eligible you must be receiving one of the benefits listed below.

- Income Support
- Income-Based Jobseeker's Allowance (if you receive Contribution-Based Jobseeker's Allowance you will not qualify under this benefit)
- Income-Related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) - if you receive Contribution-Based ESA you will not qualify under this benefit
- Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit and/or Working Tax Credit with an annual taxable household income not exceeding £16,190
- Universal Credit with net household earnings not exceeding £14,000 per year
- An Asylum Seeker supported by the Home Office Asylum Support Assessment Team (ASAT)

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL

If your family is in need, the local St Vincent De Paul can help with the cost of essential household items, including food, clothing, heating or other household bills either once off or for a short period of time. See [here](#) for further information or call 028 90351561.

## MATHEMATICS BAKE OFF COMPETITION

Why not have a go at putting your child's measuring skills to good use by entering our end of year mathematics 'Bake Off' competition! This will give your child an opportunity to practise measuring out ingredients, handling different quantities, monitoring time and reading different scales with an appropriate degree of accuracy. The competition is open to all children from P1 - P7. Each entrant must submit an A3 poster of their work (class teachers will provide the A3 pages). This can include photographs, pic collages, drawings, etc. Don't forget to include lots of mathematical information! Entries must be submitted to the class teacher by Thur 9th June. GOOD LUCK and HAPPY BAKING!!

## TESCO COMMUNITY GRANT

Our wonderful PTA's application to the Tesco Community Grants Scheme to help develop Outdoor Learning has been shortlisted! To help them win £1500 they need your votes. Voting takes place in local Tesco stores from July to Sept. Customers cast their vote using a token given to them at the check-out each time they shop. The project with the highest number of votes will receive £1,500, second gets £1,000, and third gets £500. You can vote for our project at the following Tesco Stores-Antrim Road, Newtownabbey, Mayfield, Ballygomartin, Monkstown, Northcott, Doagh Rd.

## BREAK THE RULES DAY

Our PTA are also holding a fundraiser on Tue June 21<sup>st</sup> called Break the Rules Day. Children can choose to break certain 'rules' by making a donation to the PTA. A letter explaining this will be sent home later this month.

## ROOTS OF EMPATHY

We have been a Roots of Empathy school since 2017. 'Roots of Empathy' is an international PDMU programme proven to increase empathy among participants by looking at the development of a baby over the course of a year. We are looking for new babies to participate in our programme next year. They need to be between 2-4 months old in September/ October this year. Please ask Mrs Black or Ms Scannell for further details.

## ECO SCHOOLS NI GREEN FLAG

Huge congratulations to the Eco Committee and Team of 150 children for working towards and being successful in obtaining our 5th Eco Schools NI Green Flag award- what an achievement!

Congratulations also to Mrs McCallion's P2 class who were recently chosen as U105's 'Green Class of the Week' for their recycling and water saving efforts. We truly are an Eco-friendly school!

## SUN SAFETY

Hopefully, we will have lovely weather this month. Please make sure your child has a sunhat (labelled with name and class) and remember to apply sun cream if it is very hot.

## CORN GERARD LAWLOR

After a 2 year absence due to the pandemic, the children took part in the Corn Gerard Lawlor football tournament at Naomh Eanna CLG. They put in some terrific performances and had an excellent time representing the school. Well done!

## BELFAST PRIMARY SCHOOL FA

The soccer team participated in the Belfast Primary School Football Association 'Festival Day' at Ulidia playing fields, taking part in a series of games against schools from right across the Greater Belfast area. Against high quality opposition, the children gave a great account of themselves and thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon. Well done!

## UNIFORMS

The children look so smart in their school uniforms. Please make sure that each item of clothing is labelled clearly so any mislaid clothing can be returned to its rightful owner quickly. It is important to check the labels regularly to ensure that names are still visible as they can wash off.

## PE UNIFORMS

Please note that the **only** logo on our PE uniform is the school badge on the sweatshirt. Plain navy jogging bottoms are readily and cheaply available. Trainers should be **dark** and as plain as possible. We ask that branded sportswear is **not** worn to school as it is not part of our PE uniform.

**Truly Fare on the Antrim Road beside Tesco stock all school uniform items and are open from Tue –Sat. Truly Fare also have an online shop [here](#).**

## MANDARIN COMPETITION

The 'Chinese Bridge' Chinese Show for Primary Schools is an international contest organised by the Centre for Language Education and Cooperation. The Chinese Show aims to provide a stage for young Chinese learners to demonstrate their proficiency, to promote the enjoyable learning of Chinese and to lay a good foundation for the long term sustainable Chinese language learning. We are delighted to have 23 children from Key Stage 2 entered into the competition. During the past few weeks they have been working hard to learn poems, songs and dances and just this week they have submitted their final pieces. Winners will be announced during the month of July so we wish them the very best of luck. Our thanks go to the team from the Confucius Institute at Ulster University for their intensive tuition over the past two weeks.

## TROCAIRE LENTEN APPEAL

Thanks to everyone who supported the Trocaire Lenten Appeal. £1,913.49 was donated through the school.

## TWITTER

Follow us on Twitter to hear the latest news and see some of the children's activities - <https://twitter.com/TheresePS>.