



January

2022

IMPORTANT DATES

Fri	Jan 7 th	School reopening for Term 2
Thur	Feb 10 th	P7 Service of Light/Confirmation Holy Family Church 11am (JMcF)
Fri	Feb 11 th	P7 Service of Light/Confirmation Holy Family Church 11am (NR)
Mon-Fri	Feb 14 th -18 th	School closed for half term
Thur/Fri	March 17 th /18 th	School closed for St Patrick's Day celebrations
Wed	April 6 th	P3 First Confession St Therese Church 11am (GB)
Thur	April 7 th	P3 First Confession St Therese Church 11am (PG)
Thur	April 14 th	School closing at noon for the Easter Holidays
Mon	April 25 th	School reopening for Term 3
Mon	May 2 nd	Bank Holiday –school closed
Sat	May 28 th	P4 First Holy Communion St Therese Church (SON-10am/CMcC-12pm)
Thur/Fri	June 2 nd - 3 rd	Bank Holiday –school closed

New Year Blessings to our pupils and families. We look forward to a great year of learning in 2022.

CHRISTMAS

We hope that you have had a happy and healthy Christmas with your family and friends. Congratulations once again to all the children for their contribution to our Christmas celebrations. Their drama, singing and music had thousands of views on our website over the past month! We have had so much positive feedback from parents, grandparents and community members.

P1 APPLICATIONS FOR SEPT 2022

Unfortunately, we are not able to have our usual Open Day for parents of prospective P1 children. Our video presentation is available [here](#), along with our prospectus and admission criteria. If you have any questions or queries please email the school and a member of staff will get back to you as soon as possible. info@stthereseoflisieux.belfast.ni.sch.uk

Applications for P1 must be made through the Education Authority Portal. This opens on 10/01/2022 at noon and closes on 28/01/2022 at noon. For more information see <https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions>

SAFETY REMINDERS

- Wear a face covering in the playground, unless exempt
- Keep 2m distance from other adults
- One adult per house should drop off/collect children.
- Leave the playground as soon as you collect your child
- Do not congregate at the entrances/gates.
- No dogs allowed in the school grounds
- Take care when parking/reversing in the school vicinity
- No nuts/nut products to be included in lunches
- Only small stud earrings to be worn to school

COVID 19 SAFETY UPDATE

We are delighted that the children will be returning to school for face to face teaching this term! However, the level of Covid transmission in the community is very high so we ask for your support in following PHA advice to keep everyone safe. Please continue to exercise a cautious approach if children experience any coughs/colds/minor illness/raised temperatures.

If your child displays any of the key Covid symptoms, please do a lateral flow test and if it is positive they have to isolate for up to 10 days. The isolation period may be reduced from 10 days to seven, providing they have negative lateral flow results on both days 6 and 7 with tests taken 24 hours apart.

If your child is a close contact, they must take a lateral flow test as soon as possible. As long as this is negative, they can attend school but must continue to take daily lateral flow tests until the tenth day after the last date of contact with the positive case. If any of the tests are positive at any time during the 10 days, they should isolate immediately.

As you may have heard it is very difficult to get substitute teachers in the current circumstances. If teachers are ill and we cannot get substitutes, as a last resort, individual classes may be asked to remain at home for their safety. **However, this will only happen after we have exhausted all other options and for the shortest period possible.**