



St. Jerome's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and Children,

Collective Worship

This week we have been thinking about being a good neighbor and we have all listened to the story of The Good Samaritan. We have tried to be good neighbours at school.

Classes 1 & 2 – Beach School

We spent two lovely mornings in the woods behind Larkhill field this week where we had a scavenger hunt and the children then created some beautiful environmental art using what they had gathered. We had all decorated a pebble beforehand and our very last activity was to attach a good wish to the pebbles and hide them for people to find. It helped us to focus on our ongoing mission theme of Community.

NSPCC Assembly & Workshops

We invited the NSPCC into school to lead assemblies and workshops all about how to keep ourselves safe in different ways. Classes 5 and 6 then had classroom workshops to explore the themes further.

Author Visit

Classes 3 and 4 enjoyed an afternoon with the author Gareth P. Jones at Woodlands Primary on Thursday. They said it was good fun and hopefully they will all be keen to read the book they bought!

P.E. Kit Update

This is an update on the trial arrangements that have been in place since the start of term. As you know this was a curriculum decision and the aim was to maximize activity time, reduce wasted time, provide privacy for all pupils and to reduce lost or missing items in cloakrooms. We will be gathering feedback formally from staff and parents next week but so far the informal feedback from both groups has been overwhelmingly positive in relation to all the points raised above. We will also be giving parents an opportunity to share their views during the parents evenings next week in order that any practical issues can be considered and addressed. Please look out for the feedback slips which will be in the wintergardens and which you can hand to your child's teacher when you go in for your appointment.

Open Day and Evening

We will be holding two open events at school in October. The Open Evening will be on Tuesday 16th between 5pm and 7pm with a short talk from me, tours of the school and activities in the Reception classroom. The Open Day will be on Wednesday 17th between 10 and 12 noon and 1- 3pm; this will be an opportunity for prospective parents to see the school in action. If you have friends or family who are thinking about schools for Reception aged children please let them know. The school welcomes children of all denominations.

PTA Letter

Please have a look at the separate letter regarding the PTA. It should provide you with some information about the funds raised and the events that the PTA have planned for the year.

PTA Diary dates: Halloween Crafts (Infants) 31.10.18, Halloween Disco (Juniors) 1.11.18, Talent Night 9.11.18.

Website Calendar

Don't forget to check the website calendar for new dates and forthcoming events. [Click here to check the events on the website.](#)

Regards,

Mrs. Monaghan