

Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome to the second edition of our 'Parents Association' newsletter.

We hope this edition will keep parents and guardians informed of any news, events and projects occurring within the association. Firstly we would like to welcome on board our new Chair Mrs Regina Hanna. Mrs Hanna's organisation, commitment and creativity are a welcome addition to the Parents Association. We would like to ask anyone interested in joining us or feel they have any ideas that could benefit the parents association to please contact Regina by emailing 'stjosephspa1@gmail.com'.

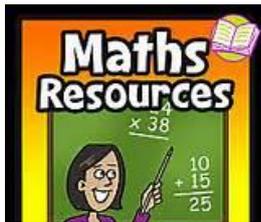
We are also pleased to announce that we are now a registered charity. This has enabled us to apply for grants and funding opportunities that were not previously open to us. We look forward to bringing you news of any success in these applications.

Recent events:

Our fundraising activities for this academic year have included, Cash for clobber, the Christmas card project and Reindeer food sales. Through these you have helped raise an impressive £567.55. This brings our total to date to £1316.98.

The 'Parents Association' has agreed to donate £1000 to school funds. This will purchase the following:

Football Kit for the school team



Numeracy Resources



SEN Literacy Resources

THANK YOU

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Sean Magorrian from our local VIVO and Joe Rogan from JR's in Castlewellan. Both retailers have been very supportive in allowing us to display our reindeer food and this helped make the sales of our reindeer food a huge success. We would also like to thank Theresa Ranaghan and Trish McMullan for their help in designing the packaging. Ms. Andrea McQuoid from our local ASDA has been extremely helpful in organising our token drop and a future bag pack. Eclipse Cinema in Downpatrick has kindly donated 4 cinema tickets, these will be used as part of a raffle and as a prize for our winning logo design in the KS2 competition. And of course thank you to all of you for your continued support.

2015 Fundraising Plans

CAN WE MAKE THIS OUR BIGGEST COLLECTION EVER??

The Cash for Clobber competition is now open. We could be in with a chance of winning £1000!! All we have to do is collect as much clobber as we can. The winning school will collect £1000. You could ask your extended family to help us by giving us their unwanted clothes and textiles. The collection will take place on **Wednesday 22nd April**. Plenty of time to get our clobber together!



St. Joseph's Primary School Tyrella has been nominated as one of the groups that could benefit from their Green Token Scheme in Asda Downpatrick. Please encourage your family and friends to add tokens to our collection. Remember, you must ask for the tokens at the check out! The box will be in Asda during March and April and the winners

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will receive £200. We will also be organising a bag-pack during October and hope parents will assist us on the day. Further information will be circulated later in the year.

Smartie Box Fund Raising

As part of our fund raising for our School we hope everyone can support us in filling empty Smartie boxes with 20p pieces and return to your child's class Teacher by **Fri 1st May**. The parents association will be providing the smarties. All returned boxes will have the participants name entered into a prize draw to win two cinema tickets for Eclipse Cinema Downpatrick. All money raised will go towards a large interactive multi-media system for the School.



Easy Fundraising

St. Joseph's Primary has recently signed up with easyfundraising.org.uk. With this you can shop online with over 2700 retailers and they will give a donation every time you spend something, at no extra cost. A fact sheet has been distributed, this should explain how you can sign up and start earning money for your school.

Our Target for 2015



This year we aim to raise enough money to purchase an interactive multi-media system for the school. The cost of this project would be in the region of £3000 - £4000. The multimedia system will be used for a wide range of activities including school council events, PA quiz nights, craft fairs, parent consultations, workshops, open days and evening voluntary community events. The parents association had initially hoped to spend the money raised on the out door play area, however, on further investigation this has proved to be a much bigger project and will be looked at again in the future.

COMMUNICATION



Parents Notice board

Please check out our new parent's notice board opposite Mrs Colhoun's office. The noticeboard will be updated regularly and we will keep you posted on new and exciting events and news.

School Website:

Please take time to browse the school website and learn more about life at St Joseph's. Through this medium the school will keep you all well informed of the wonderful work taking place at St. Joseph's. The website is regularly updated with the latest news about school events and activities. In addition you will be able to access relevant policies and important information you may be interested in. www.stjosephstyrella.com

AGM

This years AGM will be held at 7.15 pm on Tuesday 19th May in the Four Roads Inn function room. We do hope that you will be able to join us.

Thank you for your continued support.
St. Joseph's Primary School Tyrella Parents Association