

November 2022 Newsletter

Dear Parent

Welcome back to school after our half term break. I hope that all families in our school community managed to find the opportunity to spend some quality time with each other during the half term.

This new half term is always a really busy one. We have a lot of different activities happening, especially on the run up to Christmas - later in this newsletter you will see some information about the different events we have running throughout this half term.

Many thanks,

Mrs S Isherwood,
Principal

Pastoral Care @ JMPS

JMPS has always had a really strong belief in positive pastoral care. If children feel safe and secure in school then their academic journey will always be an easier one. However, since Covid impacted all our lives, we have found that we needed to increase our pastoral care provision to support pupils in ways that we have never needed to before. I am delighted and thankful to my staff @JMPS for rising to the challenge.

We offer a huge range of pastoral care support, including:

- Nurture provision with Miss Noble
- Daily Mile
- Worry Boxes for children to pop in any worries they have
- HIPS sessions for pupils.
- Action Mental Health Support
- Forest School Access
- Breakfast Club
- Homework Club
- Buttercup Club

Dates for your diary are as follows: -

Monday, 7 th November	P4 & P5 to Keys for Life in Mullaghmeen Baptist Church
Tuesday, 8 th November	School photos. Family photos taken from 8.30am
Wednesday, 9 th November	Mock AQE in assembly hall Shared Education Programme – P4, P5 & LSC to Holy Trinity
Friday, 11 th November	Bedtime Story at 7pm, online with Mrs Bailie
Saturday, 12 th November	ERGS Familiarisation Day
14 th – 18 th November	Anti Bullying and Road Safety Week
Tuesday, 15 th November	Stay & Play, Pre-school age children, 1.45 – 2.45pm
Wednesday, 16 th November	Flu Vaccination Programme Mock AQE in Assembly Hall
Thursday, 17 th November	Stay & Play, P1 age children in 2023-2024, 1.45 – 2.45pm
Friday, 18 th November	Annual Transition Reviews for children in Year 7
Friday, 18 th November	Bedtime Story at 7pm, online with Mrs Bailie
Saturday, 19 th November	AQE Paper I
21 st – 25 th November	Book Fair in school
Tuesday, 22 nd November	P1 & P2 Assembly – Parents & friends welcome at 9.30am
Tuesday, 22 nd November	Stay & Play, Pre-school age children, 1.45 – 2.45pm
Wednesday 23 rd November	Mock AQE in assembly Hall
Thursday, 24 th November	Stay & Play, P1 age children in 2023-2024, 1.45 – 2.45pm Shared Education Programme – P4, P5 & LSC to W5 in Belfast Shared Education Programme – P3 & ASD to Castle Archdale
Friday, 25 th November	Bedtime Story at 7PM, online with Mrs Bailie
Saturday, 26 th November	AQE Paper II
Monday, 28 th November	HIPS Programme – whole school
Tuesday, 29 th November	Stay & Play, Pre-school age children, 1.45 – 2.45pm
Wednesday, 30 th November	Scripture Union – P5
Thursday, 1 st December	Stay & Play, P1 age children in 2023-2024, 1.45 – 2.45pm

RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS

Article 7 “Every child has the right to be registered at birth, to have a name and nationality and as far as possible to know and be cared for by their parents” In Jones Memorial Primary School, we take care to recognise and celebrate the diversity in our school. We have pupils and families form many backgrounds and cultures which adds to the richness of the fabric of our school life.

OPEN DAYS & FURTHER INFORMATION ON ENROLMENT

We know how useful Open Evenings are when families are trying to decide which Nursery/ Reception Class or Primary School would best suit their child. This year we are allowed to do this, following careful guidelines. **Dates to follow on Social Media.** To help and support parents who will have children starting school or Reception in September 2022 we have dedicated a section on our school website to provide parents with information about school and answer any questions they might have which will be available soon. We would appreciate it, if as parents, you would share this information with your friends, family or anyone you know who may have children due to start Primary One or Reception in September 2022 so they can register their interest.

PRIMARY 1 & RECEPTION PRE-ENROLMENT FORM



Please click attached our pre-enrolment form. If your child will be starting JMPS, please complete the form and return it to school.

<https://forms.office.com/r/ugbDTDUAbu> Primary 1

RECEPTION CLASS AT JMPS

<https://forms.office.com/r/FEypK6PNPG> Reception Pre Enrolment form

RECEPTION IS THE SAME AS NURSERY

CHILDREN CAN START WHEN THEY ARE 4 YEARS OLD

<https://forms.office.com/r/FEypK6PNPG> Reception

Reception pupils can join our **FULL DAY** class 9.20am to 1.15pm with dinner at school and the Buttercup Club to 3.15pm from their 4th birthday. The Curriculum is Play Based and the children also integrate with the whole school community for occasions such as plays, assemblies and special events. The pupils wear their own uniform and are fully prepared for their entry into Primary One – It's a wonderful opportunity to begin their educational journey! Please share this availability with Family and Friends.



ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY REMINDERS

If your child is absent for any reason please email the school on info@jonesmemorial.enniskillen.ni.sch.uk giving a reason for non-attendance on the first day of absence, please follow this up with a brief email on their return.

This is for the Education Welfare Service. Thank you to those who already do so. We understand this year is particularly challenging for our families in maintaining excellent attendance, however we use a particular code on the register for children absent because of COVID meaning we can take this into consideration when monitoring attendance. The Minister of Education has made clear, that children absent due to COVID will not be flagged up as non-attenders.

Lateness is also monitored by the Education Welfare Officer so please endeavour to have your child into school by their allocated staggered time.

Mrs Doonan and I continue to monitor the attendance of all children each month and will write to parents where attendance is a concern. Through the School Gateway App a message will be sent requesting a reason for your child's absence if a reason is not given.

SCHOOL GATEWAY APP

Our new School App will come into place from Monday, 14th November 2022. You can now download the app, please see emailed letter. This can be used for payments, emails, texts, attendance etc. Please DO NOT use the text messaging system for changes in child pick-ups, use the telephone.

SAFEGUARDING IN JONES MEMORIAL PRIMARY

In JMPS we have a Safeguarding Team. If you have any worries or concerns, please speak with one of the following people:

- Mrs Isherwood Designated Teacher for Child Protection & Principal
- Mrs Bailie - Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection
- Mrs Graham - Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection
- Ms Morrison- Designated Governor for Safeguarding

In JMPS our School Council has defined Bullying as...

“Bullying is behaviour which is done on purpose and happens over and over. It can make people feel hurt and upset. It can be verbal, social, physical, emotional or aggressive behaviour which is caused repeatedly by a person or a group of people.

It can mean that someone is picked on or made fun of almost every day and they cannot stop it happening. Not all nasty behaviour is bullying behaviour. Some bad behaviour may have been done only once or by an accident, but bullying is planned and keeps happening.”

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

Anti-Bullying week is (Monday 14th – Friday 18th November). This year’s theme as set by the Northern Ireland Anti-Bullying Forum is “Reach Out”.

Pupils will take part in a range of lessons throughout the week and discuss various types of bullying and what is the difference between bullying and unacceptable behaviour.

This year we will be celebrating Anti-Bullying week beginning Monday 14th November. Children are invited to wear **ODD SOCKS** to school on **MONDAY 14th** to mark the start of Anti-bullying week, with a £1 donation. This will give the children the opportunity to show their support of Anti-bullying week and to express their individuality.



On Monday 14th November WEAR ODD SOCKS... to mark Anti-Bullying Day.

AQE ASSESSMENTS

The first AQE assessment is due to take place on Saturday 19th November and the first GL Assessment is (Saturday 12th November). We wish all our P7's the very best of luck! The second AQE assessment is on Saturday 26th November and the final test on Saturday 3rd December.

Book Fair

The Travelling Book Fair will be in school Monday 21st November – Friday 25th November. Each class will get an opportunity to browse through the books and buy one if they so wish. A letter will be sent home shortly.

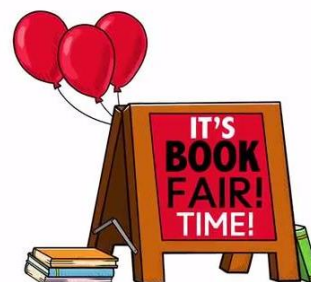
Opening Times:

8.45 – 9.10am & 3.15 – 3.45pm



World Kindness Day

As a school and as part of our PATHS programme we will be celebrating **World Kindness Day** on Sunday 13th November.



Christmas Post Box

The Christmas Post Box will be available from Monday 28th November until Wednesday 14th December (dates inclusive). Pupils may use this service to post Christmas cards, messages and blessings to their friends.

Homework Club Advance Notice

The last day of Homework Club for this term will be Thursday 8th December 2022. It will reopen on Wednesday 4th January 2023.

Buttercup Club

This club will run up until Friday 16th December 2022 and reopen on Wednesday 4th January 2023.

SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Principal

Mrs S Isherwood

Vice Principal and Special Needs Coordinator

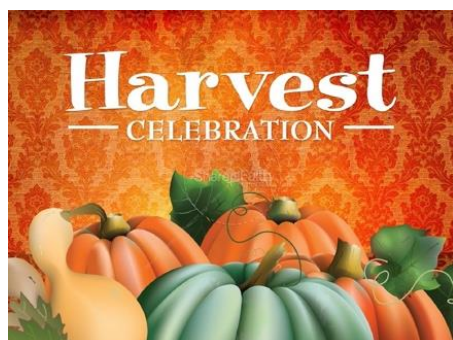
Mrs R Bailie

Head of Foundation & Key Stage 1

Mrs R Bailie

Head of Key Stage 2

Mrs H Graham



Harvest Thank You

We all hope you enjoyed watching our Harvest Celebration. It was lovely to share this event with you.

FRIENDS OF JMPS CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Tickets will be available soon to buy for our **Christmas Raffle!** Many wonderful gifts have been obtained from the Friends of JMPS. Tickets at £1.00 will be sold from the school and every family will be challenged to see who will win the prize for selling the most. **Winners will be announced on Monday 19th December.** Monies raised will go towards playground equipment for school. Thank you all for your support!

DAILY MILE SANTA RUN

Come join us! Grab your Christmas jumper or Santa hat and let's get moving!



The Daily Mile Network (NI) in partnership with Daily Mile Foundation are hosting a Daily Mile Santa Run day in schools & early years settings across social media, to get children in Northern Ireland active together at the same time on Friday 2nd December 2022.

We will complete the walk together in an effort to raise awareness for children's Mental Health and Wellbeing.

P4-7 Using ACCELERATED READER at JMPS

In the next few weeks, Mrs Graham and I will be reviewing each child's use and progress of our Accelerated Reader programme. AR is available to all children from P4-7 and can be used freely at home for all ability levels. Children P4-7 have their own AR login details, if you need this again, please send a note to the class teacher.

Mrs Graham and I will review which children have met their AR Targets. You can help with this at home by encouraging your child to read a little every day and once a book is completely read to then take the AR Quiz. AR is a significant investment on the part of the school. I wish to make sure we are getting good value for money and all children are using it as much as they can.

