

## Weekly Note – 24<sup>th</sup> June 2019 (last week of term)

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### SUMMER FAIR & FUNDRAISING UPDATE – THANK YOU

Our school and wider community thoroughly enjoyed a fun-filled evening with the sun shining. Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to the success of the evening! We managed to raise £1,250 (profit) which will help to purchase more reading books for Y4 and two new projectors.

Throughout 2018-19, with your support in helping us to fundraise, we have been able to purchase the following:

A music keyboard, the update of the ICT suite, two new projectors and reading books to support the reading development for pupils in Y1-Y4.

THANK YOU to everyone involved!

### UNIFORM TRADE

#### Donate uniform you no longer need

If you have any pieces of uniform that are too small for your child/children and are in good condition, please donate to our uniform trade stall.

Our sale will continue on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>** and **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June** in the assembly hall. Pop in when you leave your child off or are collecting them from school.

£1 donation to school funds.

This is a great opportunity to give away school clothing you no longer need.

### After-Schools, Milk, Swimming and Music Tuition

Beginning in September, pre-payment for ALL school services is essential. Unless, pre-arranged through the official childcare scheme, your child will not be able to avail of after-schools, swimming, music tuition or receive milk, if pre-payment has not been received.

### CONSULTATION RESULTS - 2pm Friday finish

We have had **43 parental returns** regarding 2pm Friday finish. The results are as follows:

- 9 parental returns disagree** to a 2pm finish each Friday
- 34 parental returns agree** to a 2pm finish each Friday.

As a result of whole school consultation (Parents, School staff and Board of Governors), **we will trial a 2pm finish each Friday in Term 1 and review the arrangement around Christmas.** In reaching this decision the following has been considered:

1. Parental comments as part of consultation.
2. Staff jointly believe that the extra time available during the week for teachers to be with their own classes will enhance the quality of education received by the pupils 2-3pm.
3. Y1& 2 teachers will now be able to focus on additional provision, i.e. Literacy and Numeracy support for children in Key Stage 1 & 2 (Monday – Thursday) as oppose to covering a class between 2-3pm.
4. Clubs and societies will continue to take place on a Friday as normal between 1.15pm and 2pm.

Pupils should be arriving to school at 8.50am, ready for a 9am lesson start each morning.

After-schools will continue to available as usual from 2pm.

### Dates

Mon 24<sup>th</sup> – Y3&4 – Portstewart

Tue 25<sup>th</sup> – Y1&2 - Portstewart

Tue 25<sup>th</sup> – Y5 – W5 (Belfast)

Tue 25<sup>th</sup> – Y7 Leavers

Fri 28<sup>th</sup> – half day 12noon

**FRIDAY 30<sup>th</sup> AUGUST – pupils return for new term 8.50am -12 noon**

(no lunch or after-schools on Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Aug)

### Prospective Parents

If you know of anyone requiring a space for September, please ask them to contact the Principal in school on **02870344437** or by email **hmcdonnell187@c2kni.net**

## TUCK SHOP AVAILABLE

Treat bags – 50p

Popcorn – 50p

TipTop drinks – 20p

Ray will not be providing breaks on Tuesday or Wednesday of this week

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

New term reminder - It is important that all pupils adhere to wearing full school uniform every day. This includes:

**Black shoes for all**

**Girls: White shirt & Tie**

**Boys: Grey shirt and tie**

**White polo shirts can only be worn in Term 3 (after Easter –Summer)**

## NEW TERM – PENCIL CASE

Please ensure you have the following:



2 pencils

A sharpener

A rubber

A set of colouring pencils

A Pritt-stick

A dry-wipe white board marker

Please ensure all items, including school uniform are clearly labelled with your child's name.

## 2019-20 Classes

Y1 – Miss McNicholl, Mrs Fillis

Y2 – Miss O'Neill, Mrs McLaughlin, Mrs McCorrison

Y3 – Mrs McCullough, Mrs Kerr

Y4 – Mrs Lenehan

Y5 – Mrs McClarey

Y6 – Mr Burns, Mrs Barr

Y7 – Miss O'Neill

Project Teacher – Mrs O'Donnell-deCock

Project Assistant – Miss Lundy



## RECYCLING UNWANTED ITEMS

Help to raise school funds and have a clear out throughout the summer months

A collection will take place during September 2019

We accept all clean clothes, house hold textiles i.e. paired curtains, paired shoes, handbags and belts

We are looking forward to seeing you all in the new term. In the meantime, have a fabulous and well-deserved summer break. Thank you to everyone for your ongoing support. Best wishes to our Year 7s who are leaving us this week to move on to post-primary. Congratulations to the Year 7s who all achieved their first preference school. Stay safe everyone and let's hope the sunshine arrives soon! Take care, Mrs McDonnell.

