



March 2018 Information Sheet

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Dear Parent,

Please note the following points:

School Holidays

Please note school will be closed on Monday 19 March in lieu of St Patrick's Day and also from Monday 26 March – Friday 6 April 2018 (inclusive). We would like to wish everyone a very enjoyable Easter Break.

An advance notice for your diary is Tuesday 17 April when school will close at 1:00pm for Whole School Child Protection Training. Schools are required to carry out this training once every 2 years with all staff in the school. Dinners will be served at 12:00pm on that day. Regrettably we are unable to provide supervision on that afternoon as all staff will be involved in the training and buses will also not be available.

As a reminder we would point out to parents that our Safeguarding Team comprises of Mr. Campbell (Designated Teacher for Child Protection), Mrs. McMullan and Mrs. Geary (Deputy Designated Teachers for Child Protection). Mrs. Linda Nesbitt is the Designated Governor for Child Protection.

Odd Socks Day

Friday 16 March will be Odd Socks Day when children will be encouraged to wear unusual and creative socks to school! This has been organised by our Pupil Council to raise money for the very worthwhile charity, Tiny Life. Anyone who wishes may send in a £1 donation but please note this is entirely voluntary.

Interviews

You will be aware that Parent Interviews take place next week from 20-22 March, with school closing at 1:00pm each day. Afternoon supervision will be available at a cost of £2 per pupil. Please select the relevant days on the weekly money slip.

Attendance

The children's attendance is monitored each month within school and we also receive regular visits from the Education Welfare Officer(EWO) to check on absence rates. It's important to note that a pupil will be referred to the Education Welfare Officer if his/her attendance falls below 85%, unless the absences are due to illness that can be medically verified.

POD

The next Parents of Drumhillery meeting will take place on Monday 9 April. The second event planned this year will be a Fun Night on Thursday 31 May. Please mark this date carefully in your diary and endeavor to attend. If you have any suggestions for activities/events for the night, please feel free to contact any member of the POD group or myself.



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World Book Day

We had a brilliant World Book Day at school on 8 March, even if it was a week later than usual! The costumes were amazing! We'd like to thank the parents and boys and girls for putting in so much effort. The standard of costumes was so high and it was so hard to pick a winner! However, after much deliberation the prizes were distributed as follows:

Class	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
P1/2	Drew Leeman (Mr Bean)	Erin-Mae Zwecker (Dorothy from the Wizard of Oz)	Harry Watt (Oliver Twist)
P3/4	Arianna Foster (Moana)	Charlotte Kuck (Gangsta Granny)	Ella Straghan (Miss Trunchbull)
P5/6	Eva Robinson (Gangsta Granny)	Caitlyn Dougan (Cruella de Ville)	Scott McCullagh (Willie Beech)
P7	Leah Gibson (Queen of Hearts)	Nathan Nesbitt (Mr. Stink)	Andrew Bell (Boy in a Dress)

Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is in school this week and viewing times for parents are Tue-Fri (9:00-9:30am & 3:00-3:30pm daily). Please feel free to pop in and have a browse through the latest titles. The school will gain commission on all books sold and this will be used to purchase more school reading books. Each class has also been running a competition to promote interest in the Book Fair among the children and the results of this will be announced later in the week.

Afterschool Clubs

Those children who attended Burns SS Coaching in Term 2 will have 2 extra sessions at the start of Term 3 (9 & 16 April) due to recent postponements. P6 Literacy/Numeracy Booster Club will also begin on the first week back. P7 Cycling Proficiency has recently commenced and will continue into Term 3, specific dates having been already provided for those involved.

Football

Congratulations to our footballers after they won the BSS Competition at Cathedral Road Playing Fields, Armagh on 7 March. Competing with much larger schools they produced some fantastic performances. They won all 4 groups games and then won the semi-finals and the final with two nail-biting penalty kick victories. Photos can be viewed on our website.

Squad - Noah Zwecker, Nathan Nesbitt, Jessica Morton, James McCall, James Reid (c), Alanna Ewart, Daniel Nicholl, David Robinson, Jamie McGurgan, Nathan Bell.

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