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## **2019 June # 3 WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

### ***Up-coming news and events for the week ahead***

**Application forms:** School has application forms for Free School Meals/School uniform & Physical Education Clothing Allowance. You can call into the school office to pick up a form if you feel this would be of benefit to you. It is **STRONGLY** advised that forms are completed ASAP as there is often a high volume of forms received from June - September. Early completion will ensure no delay in processing your claim. Applications can be made (if criteria is met) even if you would only want your child to take a school dinner now & again.

**Home to school transport :** The Education Authority has an online process for parents applying for home to school transport assistance. Please visit [www.eani.org.uk/transportapp](http://www.eani.org.uk/transportapp)

**School reports:** Reports have been sent home today with the pupils. Please ensure you check school bags for them.

**School council:** All children (and staff) enjoyed our "wet fun" day. There were water guns, water balloons & super soakers to 'ambush' the children as they completed the obstacle course to get to the "slip & slide!" Nobody stayed dry and a great time was had by all. Check Facebook & the school website for pictures. A total of £138.00 was raised. Well done school council!

**Leavers Assembly:** On Wednesday the whole school gathered in assembly to say farewell to the P7's. The pupils in P7 performed various acts for us and all demonstrated their skills & talents. The other classes had something special to say about each one of the P7's. We wished them all the very best in their new schools & hope they have a great time in their upcoming residential next week.

**End of term arrangements:** School will finish for all pupils on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 12 noon**. This is a non-uniform day. There will be no school meals or school milk on this day. The school bus will be available for transport at midday.

*Please ensure that all school property such as reading books are returned to school before the end of term.*

**Charity total:** Throughout the year we have supported various charities such as Macmillan, Children in Need, Mary Peters Trust & Children's Cancer fund. A grand total of **£1010.25** was raised. This is a fabulous amount and pupils and parents should feel proud of their efforts to achieve it.

**Budget Cuts:** Due to a reduced school budget, we are requesting that parents provide a filled pencil case for the start of the new school term. A detailed list of items will be given to the children next week when they visit their new classes.

**New school term:**

School recommences on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2019 for all pupils. The school day will be 8.55a.m. until 12 midday for 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> August only. Please note that there will be no school bus available on these days. Children should bring a snack for break time but will be collected before lunchtime.

On Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019 school will finish at 2.00 for Primary 2 and 3.00 for Primary 3 - 7. There will be a school bus and school dinners. We will advise you in September of the date school milk will start.

New P.1 children will finish at 12 noon for the first two weeks of September.

**After-schools club:** This will resume from Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018. The cost is unchanged at £2.50 for the hour 2-3p.m. This must be paid on a Monday morning to guarantee a place.

**Return of P1 information:** We ask that any parent who has a child coming into P1 in September would return the forms given to them on the induction day.

**Music lessons:** We have space next year for any pupil who would be interested in having violin lessons in school. These are taken by music teachers supplied by the board. Lessons are once a week and are available from P3 upwards. The estimated cost for the year is £177.00 and can be paid in instalments throughout the year. Anyone interested please fill in attached form and return to school. "Testing" for anyone interested will take place in September.

**Dinners:** Please find attached a copy of the dinner menu for September 2019. The cost of a school dinner remains unchanged at £2.60 per day and should be paid on a Monday.

**Community news:**

- Cairncastle Presbyterian Church are holding a coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June from 10.00am - 12.00pm.
- Gardenmore Presbyterian are calling all P1 - P7's to their annual Hoilday Bible Club "Under the Sea" from Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July - Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July from 10.30am- 12.30pm in the church halls.
- Larne Christian Fellowship are holding their "Epic Explorers" Holiday Bible Club form Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July to Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July from 11.00am - 1.00pm.

*We would like to take this opportunity to thank parents for all their support over the past school year. It has again been a busy year and we look forward to an equally stimulating and challenging 2019/20 school year ahead. We wish all pupils and parents an enjoyable and safe summer break.*