

Parent Information Sheet
Friday 4th January 2019

House Points for LISTENING, RESPECT & MANNERS for this week will be added to next week's scores.

Welcome back and Happy New Year!

We hope you all had a great Christmas break and enjoyed time spent with family and friends over the festive period. The mild weather may not have been as seasonal as the traditional Christmas card portray Christmas, but it did mean travelling wasn't a problem for those who needed to and getting outside in the fresh air to play on those new bikes, scooters or skateboards was made easier. However, all good things must come to an end and after the over indulgences of Christmas it is nice to get back to a more moderate routine in the new year.

Morning Routine

At the start of a new term it is a good time to remind everyone of the importance of our morning routine. P1, P2 & P3 children should be dropped off in the driveway anytime from 8.45am. The children know their line up spots well. The lines will move in pretty much straight away with the staff doing shuttle runs so that any children arriving after the lines have moved off will be accompanied in by a member of staff. The rear of the school is off limits for all other adults. The P4s line up at the front door and the P6, P7 & P5s line up at the front classroom doors. Should it be raining **heavily** of a morning then the children in P1 to P3 will line up in the hall rather than the drive and we will open the doors slightly earlier. The side gate to the drive will remain shut on a wet weather morning. We have really appreciated your support in making sure that your children arrive in good time in the mornings. It makes such a difference to the start of the day in the classroom with lessons starting more or less straight away at 9.00am. Any children arriving after 9.00am needs to be signed in late.

Traffic Management

I would also like to remind everyone again that to keep the children in our school safe, we all need to drive with additional care around the Seahill area and, in particular, the school vicinity. I would like to take this opportunity to remind drivers NOT to use the zig-zag lines as a drop off zone or complete U-turns outside school in the face of traffic coming both ways and on occasions reversing dangerously close to children on the footpath and to refrain from parking against the flow of traffic therefore having to pull out into oncoming traffic. The zig-zag lines indicate a NO PARKING zone and should be left clear for children and adults to cross the road safely. Drivers can avoid U-turns outside school by either taking just a few moments more to drive round Craigdarragh with the flow of traffic or park further away from school on the same side of the road and walk that little bit further avoiding the congestion altogether and benefitting from the exercise in the process.

School Photographs – MONDAY 14th JANUARY

I am aware that last year a small number of parents raised concerns over the quality of the annual school photographs. These concerns were passed on to and addressed by Opus. Having had a very long standing relationship with Opus it felt only right that they should have an opportunity to return to take the photographs this year. Opus are also offering a more flexible package this year with a small proof going home and selection of prints being ordered and paid for online. It would be very helpful if parents were able to pass on their thoughts on the quality of the photos and service this year – positive as well as negative.

A permission form for the school photographs to be taken went home today. **If you would like your child's school photograph taken, the form must be returned. The photographer will not take a photograph unless parental permission is given via the flier that went home.** The slip must be returned by Friday 11th January. If, when the proof arrives, you are not happy with the photograph, there is no obligation to purchase simply return the proof to school.

After School Clubs

The letter about available clubs for this term will hopefully go home next week. So no after school clubs yet!

Nearly New Uniform Shop

Mrs White will have the rails of uniform out again on Friday 11th and Monday 14th January if you are in need of a few extra bits of uniform.

Assembly Rota

WEEK BEGINNING	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
7 th January	NO ASSEMBLY	Principal - What is charity & Meningitis Research
14 th January	Glenn Johnston KS2	Principal
21 st January	Connor Patton KS1	VP
28 th January	Joe McKeown KS2	Head of KS1/FS
4 th February	Rachel Kirker KS1	P5 Chinese New Year
HALF TERM		
26 th February	Glenn Johnston KS1	VP Launch IEW
4 th March	NO ASSEMBLY	NO ASSEMBLY
11 th March	NO ASSEMBLY	NO ASSEMBLY
18 th March	t.b.a. KS2	St. Patrick's Day
25 th March	Connor Patton KS1	P4 - Mother's Day
1 st April	t.b.a. KS2	Principal
8 th April	Glenn Johnston KS1	Principal - Easter
EASTER		

P1 Admissions - IMPORTANT CHANGES!!!

If you are a parent of a child due to start P1 in September 2019 then it is important that you know that the application this year is now OPEN and has moved to a **Digital Admissions** process. The online application process opened on **Wednesday 2nd January and will close at midnight on 31st January**. There will be a further week (up to the 8th January) for any additional verification documents to be presented to your first preference school.

We will be holding two **Open Mornings on Wednesday 16th & Thursday 17th January at 11.00am** when I will be able to talk you through the process in more detail. There will also be an Admissions HUB on the Education Authority website that I would highly recommend you visit. (www.eani.org.uk)

Dates to put in your diary...

Monday 14th January

Wed 29th & 30th Jan.

Mon 18th – Fri 22nd Feb

Friday 2nd March

Week Beg, 4th March

Wed. 13th & Thurs 14th Mar

Friday 15th March

Monday 18th March

Wed. 3rd - Fri. 5th April

Week Beg. 8th April

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Friday 12th April

OPUS School Photographs

P7 Transfer Interviews

Half Term Holiday

Family Culture Event

Integrated Education Week

KS2 Production of "OINK!"

Red Nose Day

St. Patrick's Day holiday (SCHOOL CLOSED)

P6 Trip to Ganaway

Parent Teacher Interviews

Book Week

SCHOOL FINISHES AT NOON FOR THE EASTER HOLIDAYS