



# Principal's Newsletter

June 2021

SENIOR LEADERSHIP  
TEAM



Dear Parents / Carers,

Well....The start of June is almost upon us and the children will be returning to school next week with only 1 month left of this academic year. As with last academic year, what a rollercoaster of a year it has been. However, the children have been a credit to both the school and their wider families for managing to cope so well with all the challenges that another year with Covid gave us.

Hopefully, next academic year will come and will run much smoother than the last two. Hopefully we have seen the end of forced school closures and online learning. And, hopefully, we will see a more 'normal' type of school day return. At the point of me writing this newsletter, The Department of Education has not yet issued any updated guidance for school in terms of returning in September. As soon as I get any important information I will, as always, convey this to parents and carers.

Although we only have 1 month left of school, there is still lots to do and a lot going on around school. The contents of this newsletter is to let you know everything that is happening in the final weeks of term.

At the end of this term, I will write to you all to give you key dates and information for returning to school at the end of August.

Many thanks

Mr C. Fulton

Principal

## Sports Day(s)

Due to Covid restrictions, our annual sports day will not be like previous years. We are unable to have parents / carers attend and, in order to keep children in protective bubbles, we cannot have a large amount of classes out in one go. So....our plan....Children will take part in Year Group sports days this year. When the weather allows and the school field is dry, teachers will make a decision on what day to hold their year group sports day. We will do our very best to ensure that we get all of our sports days completed. Pray for good weather!!

Principal

Mr C. Fulton

Vice Principal

Mrs L. Kernaghan

Head of Foundation  
& Key Stage 1

Mrs J. Orr

Special Needs Co-  
ordinator and  
Designated Teacher  
for Child Protection

Miss J. Minnis

Nursery Lead

Mrs P. Addis

Head of Key Stage 2

Mrs R. Miskelly

I'M WORRIED ABOUT  
A CHILD IN SCHOOL.



If you are concerned about the welfare of a pupil in school, please speak with Miss Minnis (Designated Teacher for Child Protection).



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## Summer Scheme

WOW!!!!!! What a huge response we have had from parents / carers expressing their interest in our Summer Scheme. So far, we have had over 200 children interested. I am really delighted with the level of interest, however, I am afraid that it will simply be impossible for us to host that many children given the budget we have been allocated by The Department of Education.

I want to assure you all that we will do our very best to try and accommodate as many children as possible, however, we must stay within our £5,000 per week budget. Although this sounds like a lot of money, by the time staff wages, food and external organisation fees are paid the pot of money soon becomes empty.

It is our intention to run this scheme for the first 2 weeks of the Summer Holidays, beginning on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June. Although we are still in the planning stages, it is looking very likely that we will be able to accommodate approximately 60 – 70 children per week. We intend to have a different group of 60 – 70 children each week. Ultimately, this will mean that approx. 60 – 80 children will not get a space. I have written to the Department of Education to seek further funding.

The Summer Scheme is not intended for curriculum 'catch up' and, within The Department of Education's policy, it is clearly stated that it should focus on activities to promote outdoor learning, communication skills and improve health and well-being.

As soon as we have finalised our plans, I will message all parents that have expressed an interest with another form to complete outlining the itinerary for the week.

## **SUPERHERO DAY – THURSDAY 10<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2021**

On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June we will be holding a very special  
**SUPERHERO DAY TO CELEBRATE CHILDHOOD DAY**  
to raise funds for the NSPCC in association with Carrickfergus LIDL.

We would like children to come to school, on 10<sup>th</sup> June, dressed as a SUPERHERO. This could be a traditional superhero, or, as the last year has shown us, a range of professions are REAL LIFE super heroes...such as Nurses, Doctors, Teachers, Supermarket Workers and many many more. **BE AS CREATIVE AS YOU CAN!**  
We want to raise as much money as possible for the NSPCC, who have found raising funds in the last year incredibly difficult.

Each child should bring in £1 as part of the non-uniform day and, if possible, **we would like children and parents to dig deep into the sofa, under the bed etc and try and find as many copper coins as possible. So, if you have a jar of pennies, 2ps, 5ps etc at home, why not bag them up, send them into school as an additional donation to the NSPCC and our fundraising efforts for our Superhero Day!**

The class that raises the most money will win 'A LIDL Superhero Party' with all treats donated from LIDL.

**PLEASE HELP US TO MAKE THIS DAY REALLY SPECIAL**





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## Key Dates / Events for June 2021

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May – School Closed for Bank Holiday

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June – Ice cream Van visiting school. (More info to follow)

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June – SUPERHERO DAY

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June – School Development Day – SCHOOL CLOSED

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June – P7 pupils out at We Are Vertigo

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June – HAPPY BIRTHDAY NORTHERN IRELAND. We will be celebrating Northern Ireland's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday. More info to follow.

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June – End of Year Reports sent home

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Primary 7 pupils finish school at 12noon

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Primary 7 pupils end of year party – ***'Festival In The Field'*** from 4pm – 6pm

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June - Primary 1, 2 and 3 class discos. £1 for disco and 50p for a glow stick. Children may wear non-uniform for their disco.

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June – Primary 4, 5 and 6 class discos. £1 for disco and 50p for a glow stick. Children may wear non-uniform for their disco.

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June – School finish for the Summer. Staggered finish times will be sent out in due course. Children may wear their non-uniform.

## **REMEMBER....**

**In order to ensure that we, as a school, can remain open for as long as possible, please DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IF:**

- They have a continuous cough
- They have a high temperature
- They have a loss of their normal sense of taste and/or smell.



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## School Term Dates for NEXT YEAR – 2021 / 22

<b>Term Dates</b>	
<b>August</b>	<p>Wed 25<sup>th</sup> – P2 – P7 return (half day and half classes – more info to follow)</p> <p>Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> – P2 – P7 return (half day and half classes – more info to follow)</p> <p>Fri 27<sup>th</sup> – P2 – P7 return (half day and full classes)</p> <p>Mon 30<sup>th</sup> – <b>School Closed (Public Holiday)</b></p>
<b>September</b>	<p>Wed 1<sup>st</sup> – P1 and Nursery children begin school. Specific dates and times will be communicated to individual parents.</p> <p>Fri 24<sup>th</sup> – <b>School Development Day (School Closed)</b></p>
<b>October</b>	<p>Mon 25<sup>th</sup> – <b>School Development Day (School Closed)</b></p> <p>Tues 26<sup>th</sup> – Fri 29<sup>th</sup> – Half Term <b>(School Closed)</b></p>
<b>December</b>	<p>Tues 21<sup>st</sup> – School closes at 12pm for Christmas Holidays</p> <p>Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> – <b>School Development Day (School Closed)</b></p>
<b>January</b>	<p>Wed 5<sup>th</sup> – School reopens for all pupils in P2 – P7. Nursery and P1 closed for Open Day.</p> <p>Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> – School reopens for pupils in Nursery and P1.</p>
<b>February</b>	<p>Mon 14<sup>th</sup> &amp; Tues 15<sup>th</sup> – <b>School Development Day (School Closed)</b></p> <p>Wed 16<sup>th</sup> – Fri 18<sup>th</sup> – Half Term <b>(School Closed)</b></p>
<b>April</b>	<p>Fri 8<sup>th</sup> – School closes at 12pm for Easter Holidays</p> <p>Mon 11<sup>th</sup> – <b>School Development Day (School Closed)</b></p> <p>Tues 12<sup>th</sup> – Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> – Easter Holidays <b>(School Closed)</b></p>
<b>May</b>	<p>Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> – <b>School Closed (Bank Holiday)</b></p> <p>Mon 30<sup>th</sup> &amp; Tues 31<sup>st</sup> – <b>School Development Day (School Closed)</b></p>
<b>June</b>	<p>Mon 1<sup>st</sup> – Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> – <b>(School Closed – mixture of holiday dates and bank holidays)</b></p> <p>Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> – School closes at 12pm for Summer Holidays.</p>