



## *'Being the best that we can be'*

**Friday Note**

**Friday 14 September 2018**

**No.2**

### **Looking back....**

#### **Charlie**

We would like to congratulate Charlie this week as he made his First Communion on Tuesday. Congratulations Charlie. We are so proud of you. Please keep Charlie and his family in your prayers at this very difficult time.

#### **Welcome to our new Primary 1 pupils!**

We now have all of our Primary 1 pupils in school. It is so lovely to see them all. Next week they will be in school until 12.30pm having lunch or dinner and getting to know our lunchtime routines. Miss Hearty and Mrs McManus continue with their baseline meetings with parents. These meetings are a chance for you as parents to tell your child's teacher all about them so please do come along. Individual appointment letters have been given out.

#### **Attendance and Punctuality**

As we begin the year I would like to remind parents of the importance of good attendance in school as every school day counts. Attendance percentages can be misleading:

100% attendance	0 days missed	Excellent
95% Attendance	9 days of absence 1 week and 4 days of learning missed	Satisfactory
90% attendance	19 days of absence 3 weeks and 4 days of learning missed	Poor
85% Attendance	28 days of absence 5 weeks and 3 days of learning missed	Very poor
80% attendance	38 days of absence 7 weeks and 3 days of learning missed	Unacceptable
75% attendance	46 days of absence 9 weeks and 1 day of learning missed	Unacceptable

When a child's attendance falls below 85% I write to parents alerting them to this and when the attendance falls below 80% I must refer it on to our Educational Welfare Officer.

Punctuality is a lifelong attribute that begins at an early age. Please ensure children are punctual in school. When a child arrives late and a lesson has already started, it can be extremely embarrassing and unsettling for them. This is not a good start to the day.

**School starts at 9am. Any child arriving after 9am is marked late (L) on our attendance records. They must be accompanied to the office and signed in by their parent.**

**A child arriving after 9.15am is marked U and this is an unauthorised absence for the whole of the morning session.**

#### **Cool Kids Play Area**

Hopefully you have had a chance to see our new soft surface at the Cool Kids play area. Garden Escapes completed the work on Friday and we are delighted with it.



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**Curriculum Meetings**

Curriculum Meetings have been taking place this week with P2 this Tuesday and Primary 1 on Tuesday 9 October at 6pm. All documentation relating to curriculum meetings will be placed on the year group pages on the school website.

**School Fund**

We are absolutely delighted with this year's response to the school fund. So far the total is £1620. This will help pay Mathematics subscriptions for every child in the school which costs £2057 annually. If you feel you can contribute to our school fund, we would be very grateful: £10 per family per term or £30 per year. Thank you.

**Looking ahead....**

**After School Activities:** Reminder: After school activities begin next week

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Monday 17 September 2018	Tuesday 18 September 2018	Wednesday 19 September 2018	Thursday 20 September 2018	Friday 21 September 2018
<p><b>NATIONAL CODING WEEK</b></p> <p>Primary 1 pupils are in school for lunch until 12.30</p> <p>After school activities begin this week</p> <p>P1 Baseline Meetings (individual appointments)</p> <p>Mrs McCormick: PGCE Student in P6</p> <p>3pm Staff Literacy training</p>	<p><b>NATIONAL CODING WEEK</b></p> <p><b>Primary 2 Curriculum Meeting at 9am</b></p> <p>Primary 1 pupils are in school for lunch until 12.30</p> <p>P1 Baseline Meetings (individual appointments)</p> <p>Mrs McCormick: PGCE Student in P6</p> <p>P7 Transfer Club starts at 8am</p> <p>Mrs Fleming at Lisburn Association of Principals' Meeting at 2.30pm</p> <p>2.15pm Healthy Planning for P4 – P7</p> <p>PTA Meeting at 7PM</p>	<p><b>NATIONAL CODING WEEK</b></p> <p>Primary 1 pupils are in school for lunch until 12.30</p> <p>P4 at tennis in Wallace Park Tennis Dome</p> <p>House Meeting at 1.35pm</p> <p>Mrs McCormick: PGCE Student in P6</p> <p>P1 Baseline Meetings (individual appointments)</p> <p>2.15pm Healthy Planning for P1 – P3</p>	<p><b>NATIONAL CODING WEEK</b></p> <p>10am Opening School Year mass in St. Patrick's for P4 – P7</p> <p>Primary 1 pupils are in school for lunch until 12.30</p> <p>P1 Baseline Meetings (individual appointments)</p> <p>Mrs McCormick: PGCE Student in P6</p>	<p><b>NATIONAL CODING WEEK</b></p> <p>Primary 1 pupils are in school for lunch until 12.30</p> <p>GL Assessment Closing Date</p> <p>P1 Baseline Meetings (individual appointments)</p> <p>P5 Swimming @ Lisburn Leisureplex</p> <p>P7 at badminton in Lisburn Racquets' Club</p> <p>Mrs McCormick: PGCE Student in P6</p>

The days are definitely growing shorter and colder this week. Have a lovely weekend.  
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