



'Being the best that we can be'

Friday Note

Friday 7 September 2018

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Welcome to our first 'Friday Note' of the 2018/2019 academic year. Your parental feedback last year told us that you found this means of communication very helpful so it continues this year. It will be emailed to your given email address and also put on the website. A hard copy will also be available at the office for you to view.

Looking back....

Welcome to our new Primary 1 pupils!

How lovely it has been to begin welcoming our new Primary 1 pupils this week. They are settling well and having lots of fun with their new classmates. We will welcome the remainder of our Primary 1 pupils next Monday and Wednesday. Next week they will be in school until 12noon and Miss Hearty and Mrs McManus will begin 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.

Curriculum Meetings

Curriculum Meetings begin next week. All meetings will begin at 9am to allow working parents to get back to work as quickly as possible. It is very important that at least one parent attends the meeting as vital information about the curriculum and the year ahead will be shared. Unfortunately, teachers will not be able to meet with parents who cannot attend after the meeting but they will be able to share any documentation given out at the meeting. Thank you for your understanding. We look forward to seeing you in the next few weeks.

Parent Teacher Consultations

Parent teacher consultations for P1 – P6 will take place in the week beginning Monday 22 October. The school will close for all pupils at 2pm. Appointment times will be sent out in October. This will provide all parents with the chance to meet their child's teacher and receive an update on their progress so far.

These meetings will be the first parent teacher consultations this year. The second consultations will take place in March. Please note that it is statutory for schools to report to parents on one occasion each year so I would like to thank our teachers for providing these consultations in October.

Primary 7 teachers will be meeting parents in the week beginning 24 September in order to provide parents with effective feedback ahead of the transfer procedure. Appointment times will be sent out on Monday.

Positive Behaviour Routines

This year we are introducing new positive behaviour routines across the school. We will be sharing these with you at the curriculum meetings in the coming weeks. We hope that you, as parents, will support us as a school as we introduce these new routines.

Music News

Unfortunately, Mrs McGilligan has moved on to do other things and will not be with us this year. Mrs O'Hare and I are currently trying to source a music teacher at this time. We would like to thank Mrs McGilligan for all her work in the school. We will keep you posted.

After School Activities

Thank you to everyone who attended our registration morning for after school activities on Thursday. **Remember – all clubs commence this Monday 17th September. (P2- P7) and Monday 24th September (P1). Please see our School Website for a full list of Term 1 dates.**

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CAT 4 in P6

Over the next few weeks we will be testing Primary 6 pupils using CAT 4. This is a Cognitive Ability Tests which gives us an indication of your child's potential. We compare CAT 4 scores with PTM and PTE scores and can identify if children are underachieving.

Transfer Club

Mrs McCambridge and I will be delivering a morning Transfer club for pupils who are intending to sit GL or AQE tests in November. Mrs Mc Cambridge will cover Mathematics and I will cover Literacy. The club will begin this Tuesday morning at 8am. There is no cost for the club.

Looking ahead...

Monday 10 September 2018	Tuesday 11 September 2018	Wednesday 12 September 2018	Thursday 13 September 2018	Friday 14 September 2018
Primary 1 pupils in school until 12noon Learning Support begins P1 Baseline Meetings (individual appointments) CAT 4 testing in Primary 6 3pm ICT Coding Training session for teaching staff	Primary 6 Curriculum Meeting at 9am CAT 4 testing in Primary 6 P1 Baseline Meetings (individual appointments) P7 Transfer Club starts at 8am	Primary 5 Curriculum Meeting at 9am P4 at tennis in Wallace Park Tennis Dome P1 Baseline Meetings (individual appointments) CAT 4 testing in Primary 6	Primary 4 Curriculum Meeting at 9am P1 Baseline Meetings (individual appointments) CAT 4 testing in Primary 6	Primary 3 Curriculum Meeting at 9am P1 Baseline Meetings (individual appointments) P5 Swimming @ Lisburn Leisureplex P7 at badminton in Lisburn Racquets' Club Mrs Fleming at St. Patrick's Academy Prizegiving at 11.15am CAT 4 testing in Primary 6

It has been a super start to another year. If you're looking for something fun to do over the weekend, why not visit some of the locations as part of the European Heritage Open Days this weekend. Follow this link for details:

<https://discovernorthernireland.com/events/European-Heritage-Open-Days/>

Thank you for all your support as we start the new term. Have a lovely weekend.

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