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Friday Note

Friday 13th September 2019

No.3

Primary One Arrangements

All of our new Primary One children have joined us and are quickly settling into school life. They have certainly added a wealth of enthusiasm and energy to our school. Please be mindful of the finishing times for the children.

They are as follows:

- From Monday 16th to Friday 20th September the children will have lunch in school and leave each day at 12.30pm
- From Monday 23rd September the children will stay for their full day at school. Collection times will be 2pm daily

To book school meals and afternoon Cool Kids parents should use the Schoolmoney booking system.

Attendance and Punctuality

The Department of Education's 'School Attendance Matters' leaflet has been emailed home with this 'Friday note'. Please make yourself familiar with its contents. The table below, also included in the leaflet, shows the impact attendance can have on a child's learning potential.

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 absence 3 weeks and 4 days learning missed	Poor
85% attendance	28 days of absence 5 weeks and 3 days 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 learning missed	Unacceptable

When a child's attendance falls within the range of 88% to 85% parents are alerted to this and together, with the Education Welfare Officer (EWO), a plan is put in place to rectify attendance. School starts at 9am. Any child arriving after 9am is marked late (L) on their attendance record. A child arriving after 9.15am is recorded as U which is an unauthorised absence. Attendance with a series of L or U marks will also be brought to the attention of the EWO.



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Schoolmoney Update

Thank you all for your patience as Schoolmoney rolls over to the new year. Please note the following:

Panto

A payment for Panto has been set up. The cost is £15 and the closing date for final payment is Friday 11 October. Please remember to tick parental consent when paying.

Pottery

P3 and P6 will be going to pottery in the Island Arts Centre for 3 weeks. The cost is £10. Details are as follows

P3 Miss Clarke and P6 Mrs Fleming 25/9/19, 2/10/19 and 9/10/19
P3 Mrs Gould and P6 Mrs Gartland 16/10/19, 6/11/19 and 13/11/19

School Fund

Once again we have set up a School Fund payment on Schoolmoney. We have limited this to £10 per term per family. The school fund account has enabled us to purchase the extras that support learning and teaching across the school, for example Athletics and Lexia. Please note this is a voluntary payment. Thank you for your support.

Music Tuition

Mrs O'Hare has organised music tuition/lessons for the children that would be the envy of most schools. It is very important that your child attends each planned session and has the relevant musical instruments with them. We would ask for your full support in ensuring your child practices any additional work/compositions given to them by tutors or Mrs O'Hare.

Clarinet Tuition	Every Tuesday from 8.30 – 10.45am
Violin Tuition	Every Wednesday
P5 Tin Whistle	Every Wednesday from 2.15 – 2.45pm
Violin Tuition	Every Thursday
Flute Tuition	Every Thursday morning from 8.30 – 10.30am



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P7 Post Primary Transfer

Registration for the GL Assessment closes this Friday 20th September at 2pm. Registration for the AQE assessment has already closed. Please remember it is the responsibility of parents to register their children to sit assessment for entrance to a post primary grammar school. The timetable of assessments for both GL and AQE has been included below. Meetings for parents/guardians of **P7 pupils**, in order to provide parents with effective feedback ahead of the transfer procedure, will take place the week beginning Monday 30th September.

- 09/11/2019 Paper One AQE Entrance Assessment
- 16/11/2019 GL Entrance Assessment
- 23/11/2019 Paper Two AQE Entrance Assessment
- 30/11/2019 Paper Three AQE Entrance Assessment
- 07/12/2019 GL Supplementary Entrance Assessment

Please note that the above assessments will take place in the registration centre that you nominated on your registration forms. The relevant post primary grammar school will send you out details in due course.

Curriculum Meetings

Curriculum meetings have been very well attended and supported to date. This week we have meetings for the P5 and P6 classes. It is a great opportunity to hear in detail the planned/scheduled work for the year, as well as the class teacher's expectations.

Arrangements are as follows:

P5	Tuesday 17 th September	8.45am – 9.15am
P6	Wednesday 18 th September	8.45am – 9.15am
P1	Tuesday 1 st October	8.45am – 9.15am

Future Dates

Governor Meeting	Monday 23 rd September at 6pm
PTA Meeting	Tuesday 24 th September at 7pm
School closed for pupils	Friday 27 th September – School Development Day
Flu Vaccination Scheme	Tuesday 5 th and Wednesday 6 th November
Open Night	Tuesday 3 rd December from 7pm
Panto Day	Thursday 12 th December
P1 and P2 Christmas Concert	Tuesday 10 th and Wednesday 11 th December at 9.30am



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Next week's activities: Week beginning Monday 16th September.

Monday 16 th	Tuesday 17 th	Wednesday 18 th	Thursday 19 th	Friday 20 th
<p>After School Activity Clubs continue – week 2</p> <p>P1 pupils' collection times at 12.30pm this week</p> <p>P1 Baseline Meetings – refer to letter for times</p> <p>P4 Do this in Memory of Me Meeting - St Patrick's at 7pm</p>	<p>Clarinet Tuition (8.30 – 10.45am)</p> <p>P5 Curriculum Meeting at 8.45am</p> <p>P5 and P6 Basketball Coaching</p>	<p>P6 Curriculum Meeting at 8.45am</p> <p>Violin Tuition</p> <p>P4 Tennis Coaching</p> <p>P5 Tin Whistle at 2.15pm</p>	<p>Flute Tuition (8.30 – 10.30am)</p> <p>Start of Year School Mas at 10am (P4-P7)</p> <p>Violin Tuition</p>	<p>P7 Badminton Coaching</p> <p>P5 Swimming Lessons</p> <p>P2 and P4 GAA Fundamental Coaching</p>

Kind regards,

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