

Lissan PS Newsletter

January 2022



Please find below useful information and reminders for the remainder of the month of January 2022

Dear Parents,

I would like to begin by welcoming everyone back to school and wishing you all a very happy new year.

Our aim remains to do our best to keep our school free from Covid and to protect the children, the staff and the entire school community. The new Omricon variant appears to be very infectious and we therefore need your support to prevent its transmission through the school.

Please keep your child at home if they are unwell. The COVID19 symptoms that we particularly need to watch out for are a high temperature and/or new cough and/or loss of taste or smell. However, children are also experiencing sore throats, runny noses, headache or nausea, so please be mindful of these symptoms also.

The NI Executive has also announced a change to the rules on self-isolation for positive cases, reducing the period from 10 days to seven, providing the individual has negative LFD results on both days 6 and 7 with tests taken 24 hours apart.

If your child is off school, please contact the school to let us know the reason.

We hope and pray that we are moving towards the end of the pandemic and we look forward to brighter days ahead.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

6 Claggan Road, Cookstown, BT809XE

Tel: 02886764581

cmcintyre695@c2kni.net

Kindest regards,

Mrs McIntyre

(Principal)



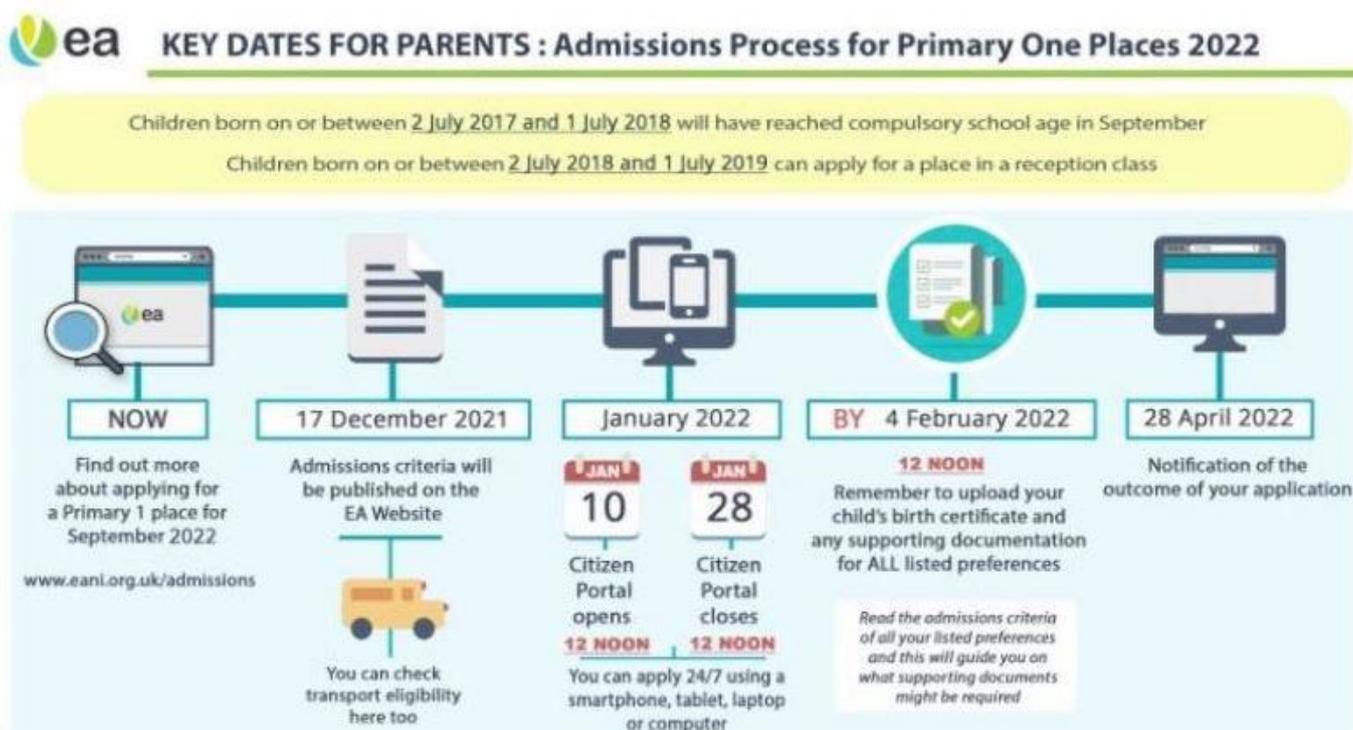
Applying for a P1 Place for September 2022

The Citizen Portal for online applications opens at 12.00 noon on 10 January 2022 and closes at 12.00 noon on 28 January 2022 for September 2022 admissions.

Places are not allocated on a first come, first served basis.

If you do not apply before the closing date/time of 12.00 noon on Friday 28 January 2022, your application will be treated as a late application.

If you require any support or help with your application, please do not hesitate to contact the school.



School Holidays

Mid-Term Break

Monday 14th February - Friday 18th February 2022 (5 days)

Bank Holiday

Thursday 17th & Friday 18th March 2022 (2 days)

Easter Holidays

School closes at 12 noon on Thursday 14th April 2022

Friday 15th April – Friday 22nd April 2022 (6 days)

May / June Bank Holiday

Monday 2nd May, Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd June 2022 (3 days)

Summer Holidays

School closes at 12 noon on Thursday 30th June 2022

Sacraments

Sacrament of First Holy Communion 2022

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will take place on **Saturday 14th May 2022** in St Michael's Church at 11am.



The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on 29th April at 5 pm in St Michael's Church.



We will up date you closer to the time regarding COVID regulations.



Cash for Clobber!

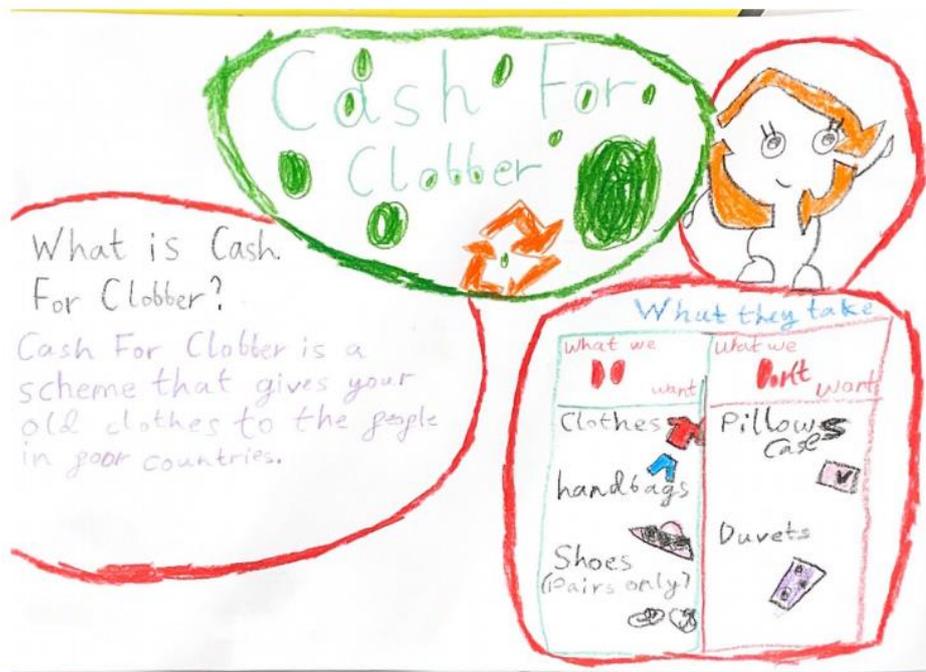
The Eco-Committee are working hard on a new project which will help our environment and raise some money for school funds.

The “Cash for Clobber” scheme, which runs in conjunction with Eco-Schools Northern Ireland, aims to teach our pupils about the environmental and social benefits of recycling while raising valuable funds for school funds.

This is the time of year that you might be clearing out cupboards and getting rid of old clothes, shoes or handbags. If so, please drop them into school where they will be recycled.

All items for recycling should be sent into school on or before Friday 4th February.

Many thanks!



CELEBRATING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK



The theme for Catholic Schools Week this year is Catholic Schools:
Living Life to the Full.

Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated in schools across the island of Ireland from Sunday 23 January – Sunday 30 January. The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2022 is ‘**Catholic Schools: Living Life to the Full**’. During Catholic Schools Week families, parishes and schools are invited to participate in a week of celebration of Catholic schools reflecting on their contribution to the common good of society.

As we adapt to the many challenges and changes that the COVID-19 pandemic has caused, we are given the opportunity to reflect on the things that give our lives meaning. For some, it is family, friends, community sports or hobbies. We believe it is God’s love and wish for us to know and love him that gives our lives meaning. During Catholic Schools Week we reflect upon how our schools are communities where we live life to the full. In school, we foster the holistic development of our pupils, promoting their wellbeing and encouraging them to learn and nurture their talents and skills.

Each child has the potential to change the world for the better, making it a kinder, more inclusive and more welcoming place. This week, we celebrate the gifts and talents we have in following Jesus’ teaching. This year, we celebrate how we are called to be communities of faith and resilience, through our thoughts, words and actions.

In doing so, we follow the words of Jesus in John’s Gospel:

‘I have come that you may have life, and have it to the full.’

Every class will be involved in activities that celebrate our faith. Please keep an eye on Class Dojo to find out more about what your child is doing in school.