

Thursday 2nd May 2024

Dear Parents,

Specialist Provision Unit

The EA had made schools aware that there are large numbers of P1 and P2 children who will need an SEN unit placement in the coming years. I write to confirm that our new Specialist Provision Unit (Autism/Social Communication) will open in September 2024. The unit will hold up to 8 statemented children with specific learning difficulties.

We hope to provide a safe and stimulating environment for our new pupils in a newly renovated area of the school. We are seeking to appoint a new SEN Teacher and two SEN classroom assistants during the summer break.

As yet, the EA have not started work to convert the current P3 classroom into a SEN unit. The unit will include a new playground area, a sensory area, toilet and wash facilities and a freshly renovated classroom. We hope to move the P4 classroom upstairs to accommodate the new pupils. P3 pupils will move into the old P4 classroom.

Parents with Nursery/P1 aged statemented children may visit the school in the coming weeks if they are considering sending their child to our school. Please contact school for further details.

Congratulations P1

Well done to our P1 pupils who recently had their work published in a book called "Me and My Family." It was wonderful to see. If anyone wishes to purchase the book, please contact Mrs Jebb.

Dates for the Diary

May

Monday 6th May

School closed for May Day Bank Holiday.

Saturday 11th May - 12pm to 2pm

P4 and P5 pupils will again represent our pupils at the Lisburn Mayor's Parade.

Thursday 16th May – Mary Peters Visit

Dame Mary Peter's OBE will attend our school to help celebrate our 50th anniversary. The children will be asked to wear sportswear in recognition of Mary's fantastic achievements. We would ask the children to bring £2 to school which will all be donated to the Mary Peter's Trust. The Trust supports Northern Ireland's able bodied and disabled athletes.

Mary will lead our assembly at 9:15am in the hall. We would like to invite parents/friends of the school to attend. We hope to see you there.

Saturday 18th May

Notification of post primary places via email to parents.

Thursday 24th May

Sports Day for all pupils. Beginning at 9:30am. (The contingency day for poor weather is Tuesday 28th May) School will close at approximately 12:15pm for all pupils. Pupils who receive FSM will receive a packed lunch. All other pupils should bring a packed lunch to school in case of poor weather.

Friday 25th May

School closed for all pupils. Teacher training day.

Monday 27th May

School closed for Spring Bank Holiday.

Friday 31st May

50th Anniversary Celebration Street Party for all pupils.

JUNE

Saturday 8th June – 12pm to 2pm

50th Anniversary Summer Fair. This will include stalls, kid's games and activities, the school choir, The Lisburn Fusiliers, Lisnagarvey Performing Arts, Bryson outdoor activities/games and lots more. Past members of the school's staff are also popping in. We hope to have a wonderful family day celebrating this great mile-stone in the school's history.

Wednesday 19th June (Three Days)

P6 and P7 pupils to attend Delamont Residential Centre.

Tuesday 25th June

P7 Leavers Assembly (Evening)

Friday 28th June

School closes for the Summer Holidays.

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Campbell
Principal