

# In Spires



April 2022

## Spring is in the air!

It has been truly heart-warming to see some school events return to our school. The beautiful weather has been thoroughly enjoyed, with every class making use of the outdoor classroom in our fantastic school gardens and grounds!

## Buddy system

The Year 1 and 7 buddy system resumed with great enthusiasm from all pupils and staff. It was just fantastic to see the pupils making friends and interacting in our beautiful school garden surroundings. The school website photos show a glimpse of the beginnings of blossoming friendships!

## Mathletics

Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils were back participating in a World Maths Day event this term. Congratulations to each and every child on their commitment and great interest in the many Maths games they completed!

## E-Safety awareness

This term it has come to our awareness that some children are engaging in unsuitable behaviour on social media sites. It is essential that children are aware of the dangers online, particularly as they are now online more often than before. It is our responsibility as adults to guide them and keep children safe at all times. I would urge you to check out these informative websites:

[www.thinkuknow.org.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.org.uk)

[www.safetynetkids.org.uk](http://www.safetynetkids.org.uk)

[www.saferinternet.org.uk](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk)



## Rights Respecting Schools

### Right of the month: Article 14

Every child has the right to think and believe what they choose and also to practise their religion, as long as they are not stopping other people from enjoying their rights.

**Parents Community:** Please come along to support our school as it continues to return school events to the calendar. Your help and ideas are important and valued in our school. The next meeting will be on 7<sup>th</sup> April at 6.30pm in the school hall.

## Break the Rules Day

Parent community are so excited to launch a new fun event in school! Pupils have been consulted on which rules they would like to 'break'. To 'break' a rule, pupils are asked to pay 50p each. 'Breaking' rules are optional and no-one is required to break all rules – it is your choice. The money raised will go towards resources for all pupils to use. The Pupil Council will decide on these resources.

This event will take place on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April, just before the Easter break. We hope everyone will support it and enjoy it!

**After School Clubs :** Teacher led after school clubs will commence in Term Three. Your child will receive afterschool club letters before Easter. Please return promptly by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April.

## School Closed

Reminder – school will be closed half day on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April for the Easter break.

Collection times are as follows:

Year 1 and 2 pupils and siblings: 11.10am

Year 3 and 4 pupils and siblings: 11.30am

Year 5-7 pupils and remaining siblings: 11.45am

## Term 3 begins on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April

## Dates for your diary:

- Shared Education trips for Year 4 (5<sup>th</sup> April) and Year 5 (8<sup>th</sup> April)
- Easter Egg Hunt – 11<sup>th</sup> April
- Break the Rules fundraiser event – 12<sup>th</sup> April
- Easter holidays begin on 13<sup>th</sup> April
- Sports Day Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May (9-11.30am) More information on Sports Day will be issued next term
- Holy Communion - Sat 30<sup>th</sup> April at 1pm (Church of our Lady of the Assumption, Magherafelt)
- Confirmation – Sat 21<sup>st</sup> May at 1pm (Church of our Lady of the Assumption, Magherafelt)

## Outdoor play

We are always trying to develop our outdoor area for the benefit of all children. We need things such as small tyres, crates, pipes, guttering, electrical spools, small patio flags and any fresh gravel. If you are able to donate an item please contact the school office. Thank you.

## Contacting School

Please use the school telephone number 028 79631014 or email addresses to contact staff at school. Staff will not respond to queries via Seesaw, WhatsApp or any form of social media.

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