



Parents'
Weekly
News
June 14th
2024

Sports Day 2024



Our Sports Day took place on Monday 10th and we were really blessed to have a dry if somewhat cold day.

Thank you for coming along and supporting our children. They were so exciting throughout the day and loved having you there. Thank you also for taking part so well. You are not competitive at all!!!



Our girls enjoyed their races together. Our KS2 boys were very competitive in all their races.



The KS1 boys took part really well and loved getting their medals.



Even Mrs McSparran got to race....but did she win???



Dylan certainly did!!!



Thank you to all the parents who took part.



Thank you to Gareth from Brooklands for the lovely 'Named' Goodie Bags that he gave to each child. These were so thoughtful and ended the day really well for everyone. We are so blessed to have such a close knit community who know and care for each other in this way and who are interested in all that is going on. Thank you, Gareth and Helen.

What's Happening

NEXT WEEK

Monday 17th June

Tuesday 18th

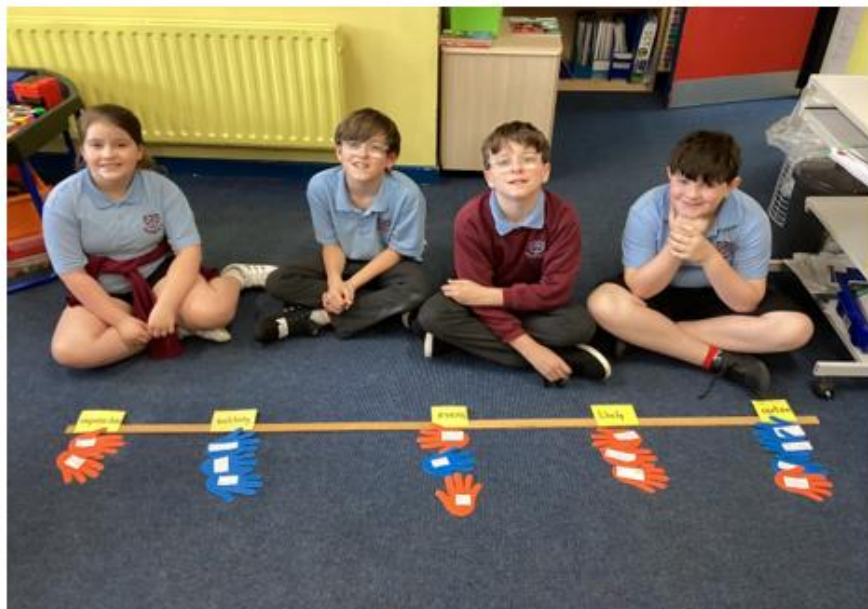
Wednesday 19th

Thursday 20th

Friday 21st

- School Trip to Castlerock
- Assembly
- KS2 Swimming
- Whatever Weather Walkers
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Exploring the language of Probability



Free School Meals and Uniform Allowances 2024-25

We are getting ready to launch applications for Free School Meals and Uniform Allowances for the school year beginning September 2024 - and hope the following will be helpful as you plan your New Intake meetings with parents.

Applications will be opening soon on EA Connect. We expect the system to be operational from the week commencing 17 June 2024.

More details will be available in due course, but we would ask you to share the information in this newsletter with parents ahead of the launch.

Proof of Benefit Letters

Parents/guardians in receipt of any of the benefits listed below, will need to upload a Proof of Benefit Letter with their application.

Qualifying social security benefits:

- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit

A Proof of Benefit Letter can be requested by [visiting this website](#). As it can take at least five days to obtain the letter, applicants are advised to request it now in advance of the launch.

We ask you to remind your parent community of this requirement - **as an application cannot be processed until we receive all supporting documentation for the applicant.**

Tax Credits or Universal Credit

Important update for Universal Credit recipients - the Department of Education has announced an **Interim uplift** in the annual net household income threshold for eligibility for people who receive Universal Credit, **from £14,000 to £15,000.**

We would be grateful if you could advise your parents of this change to the 2024-25 application process.

If parents/guardians receive Tax Credits or Universal Credit, they do not need the Proof of Benefit Letter. **However, they will still need to upload evidence of their Tax Credits or Universal Credit benefits.**

If parents/guardians have difficulty in obtaining a Proof of Benefit Letter, or do not understand how to provide evidence of their Universal Credit or Tax Credits, **their local Social Security Agency office Digital Hub** will have staff on hand to help them obtain the correct evidence to support their application.



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Social Media Toolkit

In order to help us promote awareness of Free School Meals and Uniform Allowance applications for September 2024, we have developed a social media toolkit which you may wish to use on your own communication channels.

The toolkit - [which can be accessed using this link](#) - includes graphics and text with key information, as well as a schedule of suggested dates for sharing the content on your channels.

Pupil Lists

You may wish to consider obtaining a list of 2023/24 eligible pupils from AnyComms+ so that you can encourage those eligible parents/guardians to submit an early application this year.

If you require further information about accessing Pupil Lists, please email the dedicated email address for schools at mealsanduniformschools@eani.org.uk



We are very grateful to you for your continued support throughout the academic year, particularly with sharing key information and updates with your school communities.

Extra help for parents/guardians on the EA website:

- FAQs
- Eligibility criteria
- Supporting documents guidance
- Helpdesk contact details

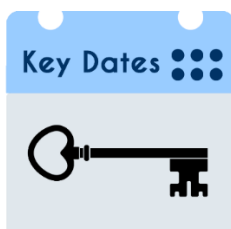
Further Assistance - Free School Meals and Uniform Allowance Helpdesk

The FSMU Helpdesk is available from Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm by telephone on 028 9041 8044 or email mealsanduniform@eani.org.uk



Free School Meals and
Uniform Allowance





Term 3 Key Dates and Information

June 2024	Monday	24 th	School Trip to Castlerock
	Tuesday	25 th	End of Year Assembly
	Friday	28 th	End of Year Party - Details to follow

School Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
SCHOOL TRIP	Chicken Curry & naan bread	Pasta Bolognese & garlic bread	Roast Beef, stuffing & gravy	Chicken Goujons & Sweet chilli Dip
FSM Pack lunch available only	Or Cheese & ham paninis	Sweetcorn / diced carrots/coleslaw	Fresh veg in season	Spaghetti Hoops / corn on the cob
	Garden Peas & baton carrots	Oven Roasted Potato Wedges / rice / salad	Mash/Oven Roast potatoes	Chipped Potatoes/Baby new Potatoes
	Boiled rice / Mashed Potato	Mandarin Orange Sponge & custard		
	Artic Roll & peaches		Homemade brownie & orange Wedges	Fruit muffin with pure apple/orange juice

If there is anything I can help you with, then please do not hesitate to contact the school office on 028 2766 4564 or email me at smulligan569@c2ken.net

Final Comment

Hopefully, you find the provision of the Parents' News helpful and informative. If you require further information on any of these matters, or any issue concerning school, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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