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THE FRIDAY NOTE (7TH JUNE 2024)

Dear Parents and Guardians,

June is off to a very busy start! Please find attached some information to help you navigate through the next few weeks!

Hamish and I hope to see lots of you at Armagh Show tomorrow! Have a lovely weekend!

SAINTS AND SCHOLARS GO COUNTRY

Our Parents' Council have been pumping the country tunes from the front of school all week as they've been selling tickets to our 30th anniversary evening at The Fourth Wall (Marketplace Theatre) on the 15th June. Thank you to those parents who came along to sell tickets this week- it is greatly appreciated.



You can still buy your tickets. Tickets (£40 per person) are available for purchase from the school office all next week- alternatively you can contact the school office and payment can be made to the Parents' Council PayPal account. Your ticket price includes a welcome drink, food from 'On The Hoof' and music from 'Stonewall'.



This event is going to be one not to be missed- not only will it be the perfect way for the entire school community (past and present) to come together to celebrate our school, but the proceeds will be going towards an investment of £8445 to purchase new ICT equipment for our children (a class set of laptops and a portable charging unit). Please come along and support us!

RAFFLE TICKETS

All children will receive a Raffle Ticket sheet for our Parents' Council Raffle! The proceeds will go towards the purchase of our new ICT equipment, so we'd really appreciate your help in selling as many tickets as possible!

There are lots of prizes including a year's free youth membership at Armagh City FC, a Sharp Sound Bar, a Sewing Machine and lots of other vouchers and more. Thank you to all those businesses who donated prizes to help raise money for our school!

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Money for raffle tickets should be back in school along with the completed ticket sheet by Thursday 20th June. There will be prizes for the children who sell the most tickets!

SCHOOL BUS

The cost of a single bus journey to or from school is now 95p. Smart cards can be purchased from the bus station. All children must make payment or present a bus pass to use our bus service.



CHANGES TO CELLO LESSONS

Cello lessons will be taking place on Tuesday of next week instead of Thursday.

SPORTS DAY

Our Sports Day is planned for Monday 10th June and we've got everything crossed for good weather on the day! Of course, all parents are invited to come along to support your children.

The class races will be taking place at the following times:

Nursery	9.15-9.45am (on the playground)
P1	9.45-10.35am (on the playground)
P2	10.35-11.25am (on the playground)
P3 and P4	9.30-10.15am (on the top pitch)
P5 and P6	10.15-11.00am (on the top pitch)
P7	11.00-11.30am (on the top pitch)



Mark from Healthy Kidz will also be running some fun-filled circuits sessions with the children throughout the day.

On Monday, children can wear active gear to school- no need for school uniforms!

FAMILY FUN EVENING

Our Parents' Council are also organising a Family Fun Evening which will be taking place from 6.30-8.30pm on Friday 21st June at school. Everyone is welcome- invite all your friends and family!

Events and activities will include: bouncy castles, face painting, ice cream van*, tug of war, penalty shoot out, Cordelia's chip van*, tea/ coffee and traybakes*, C and J's Animal Park, arts and crafts, sweetcones, mascots and Wolly the Clown, disco music and some photobooth fun! (*separate charges apply)



Tickets are required for some activities- these can be purchased at the ticket desk. Please bring cash along on the evening as there will be no card facilities. There will be a £1 entrance fee for adults (payable at the gate) and children go free!

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PARENTS' COUNCIL AGM



Our Parents' Council AGM is taking place on Monday 17th June at 7pm. At this meeting, the new office bearers for the next academic year will be chosen. A movie will be shown in one of our classrooms while this meeting is taking place for anyone who is unable to get childcare for the night.

All parents are welcome to attend our AGM and we'd encourage everyone to come along and get involved! We will be electing a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer as well as our class representatives at this meeting. If you like to put yourself forward for one of these positions, please complete the following [Google Form](#)- this form will remain open until 7pm on the 17th June- information about what each of the aforementioned roles entails can also be found on the [Google Form](#).



The ultimate aim for the Saints and Scholars Parents' Council is to cultivate a sense of community with parents and carers, working alongside the school staff to create the best possible school environment for our children. So, if you are interested, please come along to our AGM!

CLASS TRIPS

We hope all of the children have enjoyed their class trips so far! P3 and P4 will be heading off on their end of year trip to Peter Pans and Tannaghmore Gardens on Wednesday 12th June.



UNIFORM RECYCLE



Some of our parents are organising a Uniform Recycle this year.

More information will be announced in next week's Friday Note!

PARENT PAY



As we approach the final month of the school year, can I ask all parents to clear all balances on Parent Pay as soon as possible. Thank you so much!

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to those families who came along last Saturday morning for our Saints and Scholars Clean Up. Everyone was busy sprucing up our outdoor spaces- thank you!

Also a thank you to those P1 and P5/6 parents who made our staff lunch on Tuesday- this was very kind of you all and it was greatly appreciated.



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JUNE

- 10th** Sports Day
- 13th** St Patrick's Grammar School Taster Day (P6 Boys)
P7's Got Talent
- 14th** Apple Blossom Swimming Gala
- 15th** Saints and Scholars Go Country
- 19th** P7 Leavers' Assembly
Leavers' Lunch (this will be a half day for the rest of the school)
- 20th** City of Armagh High School Taster Day (P6s)
- 21st** P6s at 'Dragon's Den' event at ICD
Last Day for P7s and Family Fun Evening
- 25th** Nursery Graduation (last day for Nursery children)
- 26th** Changeover Morning (all classes will meet their new teacher(s))
- 28th** Last Day of Term (school finishes from 11am)



As always, if you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's class teacher or myself via Class Dojo. I am also out at the front of school each morning and as much as possible each afternoon if you have any issues or concerns (or if you just fancy a chat). If you have a safeguarding concern, Mrs O'Braonain (our Designated Teacher for Child Protection) can be contacted by email at aobraonain211@c2kni.net.

Have a great weekend,

Mr A Scott-Mulholland (Principal)