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## **THE FRIDAY NOTE (14<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2024)**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We've had another busy week at Saints and Scholars and we are another week closer to the end of the term! Tomorrow evening, our 'Saints and Scholars Go Country' event will be in full swing- the first two events to mark our 30<sup>th</sup> year. The event is taking place at The Fourth Wall (Marketplace Theatre) and is kicking off from 7pm. If you still haven't got tickets, these are available from the school office for the rest of the day, or can be purchased at the doors tomorrow evening. I'll hopefully see everyone there!



Please find attached some important information ahead of another busy week!

### **PARENTS' COUNCIL AGM**



Our Parents' Council AGM is taking place on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> 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. The agenda for the meeting can be found on the [school website](#).

All parents are welcome to attend our AGM and are eligible to vote in the elections. 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 would 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 17<sup>th</sup> June- information about what each of the aforementioned roles entails can also be found on the Google Form.



***WE NEED YOU!***

In the event that more than one nomination is received for one of the roles an election will be held- ballot papers will be passed out at the meeting and those in attendance will make their selection. The nomination with the most votes will be elected into the role.

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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!

### PARENTPAY

As we are nearing the end of term, could we please ask everyone to log onto Parentpay and clear any outstanding balances for lunches, clubs, trips etc. Don't forget to check the 'Pay for Other Items' section when you log onto Parentpay. Thank you!

Parentpay have made us aware of an issue with breakfast club charges from last week which will show on your account today with this week's charge.



Book meals and places

Pay for other items

### LEAVERS' ASSEMBLY

The leaver's assembly for our P7 children will begin at 10am on Wednesday 19th June 2024. After the assembly (which will include prize giving) parents and siblings are invited to join their children for a reprise performance of 'P7s Got Talent' followed by a light lunch in school. We will round up the leavers' celebrations with the traditional water fight on the playground – please pack water pistols, ammunition (buckets, balloons etc), spare clothes, and a towel 😊. We aim to be finished by 1.30pm.



We look forward to seeing our P7 parents there!

### WEDNESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

Due to our leavers' celebrations, school will be closing early on 19th June. The dismissal times for the children are as follows:



**11am:** P6 and younger siblings

**11.10am:** P5 and younger siblings

**11.20am:** P4 and younger siblings

**11.30am:** P3 and younger siblings. The school bus will leave at 11.30am

**11.40am:** All remaining children

Please note P7 pupils and their siblings will be watching the assembly in the hall and will not be going home early.

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# Report an Absence

## ABSENCE LETTERS

On Monday, letters will be sent home with children to account for any absences that have not been recorded via the 'Report an Absence' link on the school website. We would request these be completed and returned to school by **Wednesday 18th June** at the latest to allow us to update your child's attendance record on our system prior to the end of term.

## CLUBS

Afterschool Healthy Kidz, Multisports, Football and Irish Dancing all finish this week. Tennis will finish on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2024; Taekwondo will finish on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2024; and Hockey will finish on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

Music lessons will also finish next week.

## P6 TASTER AND INTERACTIVE DAYS

Next week our P6 children have been invited to The City of Armagh High School and Integrated College, Dungannon for an interactive/ taster day. Please complete the required permission slips and return to school at your earliest convenience.

## RAFFLE TICKETS



Please continue to sell your raffle tickets that were sent home last Friday. These should be returned to school by Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June. If you require additional ticket sheets, please let Grainne know in the office.

## 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 cost 50p each or 5 tickets for £2)- 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!

## UNIFORM RECYCLE

Please find overleaf information about our Uniform Recycle- more details will follow!

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# School Uniform Recycling Initiative

WE ARE NOW COLLECTING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- Coats
- Trousers/tracksies
- Skirts
- Polo shirts

- Jumpers
- Cardigans
- PE tops
- Wellie boots

For further info. contact: Grainne in the office, 37510113



Collection from Monday  
17<sup>th</sup> June to Tuesday  
25<sup>th</sup> June



Washed items can be  
donated in the boxes at  
school front porch, or to  
the office, or sent in with  
kids, during this time



## **FREE SCHOOL MEALS/ UNIFORM GRANT**

Every year parents must apply for Free School Meals or the Uniform Grant. Applications for the 2024/25 academic year are now live on the EA website. We'd encourage everyone to check their eligibility as there have been some changes to the annual earnings threshold this year. The website is: <https://www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals-uniform-grants>

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## **THANK YOU**

Thank you to the three ICD pupils who completed their work experience with us this week- Finn, Amy and Nathaniel- you were amazing!

Also thank you to Logan's dad (from P1) who came to school this week to cut the grass in the Foundation Stage outdoor play area (or as the P1s call it, the back garden)! We really appreciate it- thanks!



## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Some of you may find this summary useful:

### **JUNE**

- 15<sup>th</sup>** Saints and Scholars Go Country
- 19<sup>th</sup>** P7 Leavers' Assembly  
Leavers' Lunch (this will be a half day for the rest of the school)  
Early finish for pupils (from 11am depending on class)
- 20<sup>th</sup>** City of Armagh High School Taster Day (P6s)
- 21<sup>st</sup>** P6s at 'Dragon's Den' event at ICD  
Last Day for P7s  
Family Fun Evening
- 25<sup>th</sup>** Nursery Graduation (last day for Nursery children)
- 26<sup>th</sup>** Changeover Morning (all classes will meet their new teacher(s))  
*P1 pupils will be in school from 9.30-11.30am*  
Nursery Induction Day: Groups 1 and 2
- 27<sup>th</sup>** Nursery Induction Day: Groups 3 and 4
- 28<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto:aobraonain211@c2kni.net).

Have a great weekend,

**Mr A Scott-Mulholland (Principal)**