

REMINDER

Monday 3rd May - May Day Holiday
School closed for pupils and staff

Monday 10th May - School Improvement Day
School closed for pupils

TERM 3

All parents have received a letter with all the Term 3 dates and events for our pupils in school. Please keep this as a calendar for the next two months. We will try to keep to these dates as far as possible.

Other information, pertaining to your child's actual class/year group, will be sent on Seesaw in due course.

P1 LETTERS

Any parent who made application for a P1 place for their child, should have received a letter from school yesterday with the outcome of this application. Should you, or anyone you know, not receive a letter, please contact the school office (02893 322389).

P3/4 PARENTS

We have a staggered exit each Friday for P3 and 4 at our School Street door. There is a five-minute changeover which works well. P4 will have received information about this from Mrs Barrow (Head of P4) to allow P3 parents access to collect their children at the 1:55pm slot before the P4 exit at 2:00pm. We have also cleared some carpark space for parents to spread out safely while waiting. We still request face coverings for all adults waiting on our site. This protects everyone. Thank you.

HEARTSTART

As part of our Personal Development studies, our pupils will soon be embarking on the British Heart Foundation's Heartstart Programme. This series of lessons teaches children emergency life support skills and covers topics such as contacting emergency services, the conscious and the unconscious casualty, bleeding and CPR for cardiac arrest. The depth of the programme delivered is dependent on the year group of the pupils. Over the past number of years, the lessons have been hugely popular and beneficial to the children.

If you wish to know more about the content of the programme, contact Mr McAuley at school who will be happy to discuss your queries.

The School Holiday List for next year has been sent to you. Please keep this for future use.

K. Mulligan

ROAD SAFETY

As we gradually come out of Lockdown, we have all noticed the increase in traffic on our roads. As such, we will be reinforcing our road safety teaching with our pupils in class.

Please take opportunities, when out and about and at home, to talk to your children about these important messages. Please be a good role model and use the traffic lights on the Doagh Road and Town Square with your child when coming and going from school.

At 1:55/2:55pm home time, the area round the top of our drive on the Doagh Road has become very congested. To enable our pupils and other pedestrians to pass along the pavement safely, please step down onto our drive at the side, if you are waiting to pick up a child. Let's all keep safe.

CONTACT PARENTS

Our 'Contact Parents' text messaging service is still in use. Please note that if the text cannot be sent to the first mobile number given in our Pupil Contact database, the computer system will send it to an alternative number on the list. Please ensure we have up to date working mobile numbers for parents at all times.

Due to the changes in GDPR, please ensure you have the consent of all contacts on our database, which you have given us, for school to hold their details in a secure system.

UNIFORM

It is great to see our pupils wearing their summer uniform when the weather is suitable.

A reminder for the girls that the summer uniform is a red gingham dress – not a playsuit. We appreciate these may be on sale locally, or online, but they are not our uniform and they are tricky for toilet times etc. especially in the younger classes. Thank you for keeping this in mind when buying anything new.

We also have a lot of uniform in school to share/give away. Should anyone need anything, just let us know.

NIGHT TIME 'PLAY'

It would appear that there has been some unsafe play going on around the roads which could be dangerous for drivers in the Ballyclare town area. Please continue to ensure all children are supervised sufficiently each evening to prevent upset or danger to others in your local area. Thank you.