

FLU VACCINATIONS

Any pupils who were unwell and unable to attend the flu vaccinations before Half Term will receive a letter from our school nurse. Please watch out for this on Seesaw – it will be for mop up vaccinations.

PRIMARY 7

At present our P7 pupils are planned to sit their AQE Tests in November/December. This will entail preparation in November and December. P7 staff are working hard to do this preparation as creatively as possible. Should these Tests not be possible, for Covid-19 reasons, all post primary schools have been instructed by DE to have emergency entrance criteria for 2022. We will keep you informed of any changes.

Any P7 child who becomes unwell in the lead up to these AQE tests should remain at home for learning so as other pupils are not affected at this important time. Keep in touch with us if you need help or guidance.

OPEN MORNING

We will be sending information soon about our ability to welcome new parents to our school in the year ahead. Currently we have an excellent Virtual Tour of School which we ask you to highlight to family and friends throughout December and January. This is on our website.

We benefit greatly from parents sharing their experiences of our school with other parents and we thank you all for doing this.

REMEMBRANCE

Today is Remembrance Day and we enjoyed a special Assembly in School together. It is so important to remember all the sacrifices made for us all in the past, and even today, by all our armed forces. If you can purchase a poppy for the Royal British Legion, then please do that on our driveway where we have poppies available.

Our school will also be involved in a Remembrance Parade in our town on Sunday morning, 14th November. A wreath will also be laid at the War Memorial after the parade.

A Remembrance Service will take place in Ballyclare Methodist Church at 11:30am. Everyone is welcome.



COATS

The weather is getting colder. Please ensure all pupils have a coat with them each day in school.

INTERNET SAFETY

As you know, we have communicated the important message of Internet Safety to all parents each year. It is a very real problem for parents, when pupils are given phones with Internet freedom. Unless boundaries are in place, children will get into difficulties. Parents often report to us problems their children have at home from upset and abuse of this type of technology. This is a very serious issue for parents, so please look at the message sent by Mrs Irwin on Seesaw about an app parents can download. The launch and funding of this, by DE and the Government, identifies the priority it is given in the safety of our children.

ROAD SAFETY FOCUS & STAY ACTIVE FORTNIGHT

This Monday sees the start of our Road Safety Focus Fortnight which will run through until 26th November. As our hours of daylight shorten at this time of the year, we are asking our pupils to come to school wearing brightly coloured coats, gloves, scarves or best of all, reflective items such as a hi-vis tabard. Some children are already wearing these tabards, well done! An inter-class competition will let us see which are the 'brightest classes' in school!

In class, during the fortnight, and also during the rest of the year, the teachers will be reinforcing vital road safety messages with the pupils. Please follow up these messages at home and also set an example to the children and dress brightly yourself. Thank you for your support.

NUT FREE SCHOOL

A reminder that some of our children have a severe allergy to nuts and as such no nuts or nut products should be sent into school. Let's keep everyone safe. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS "FESTIVITIES."

Things are a little different for us all again this year but we are endeavouring to enjoy some of the lovely things we do at Christmas in a different way.

More details will follow next week for diary dates.



RISE & SHINE CLUB (8:00am each day)

We have a few spaces available in our Rise & Shine Club on a Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Contact me via email if this is useful to you.
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