

CANTEEN CLOSURE

Our School Canteen will be closed next Thursday, 17th March for St. Patrick's Day.

Pupils entitled to a free meal will be required to provide their own packed lunch on this day.

**BOOK WEEK**

Our Book Fair and 'World Book Day' last week were hugely supported and we thank parents for all the family input throughout this week.



A huge total of £2028 in commission was raised which will allow us to update our class and school libraries.

The 'Topsy-Turvy' uniforms worn last Friday were amazing and many pictures were taken! We hope you got to see class photos on Seesaw. Thank you for all the effort put into these uniform costumes!

We are so thankful to have such supportive parents, for all our events in school.

P7 RESIDENTIAL

Our P7 pupils will be going on a residential trip next week in County Down. They will be involved in lots of outdoor pursuit activities and residential experiences.

The year group will attend in two groups and our P7 staff will all be involved and therefore not as available in school as much as normal.

CANTEEN

Should cases of Covid 19 return to a manageable level, it is our intention to open our canteen after Easter, starting initially for Free Meals pupils.

We will advise you more fully nearer the end of this term. *Another step towards normality!*

UNIFORM

Thank you to all parents for the return of our uniform standards which defines our school. All pupils arrive neat and well presented for the day ahead. Remember, we have stores of donated uniform and new shoes for the term ahead, should anyone run into difficulty/grow out of their uniform before the end of the year.

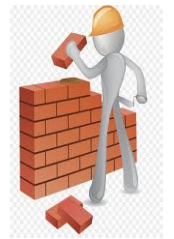
We are here to help.

COVID 19

I appreciate there may be times when we all think – when will this ever end? School is again in the midst of another rise in positive cases. Our community, as a whole, has been affected. Thankfully cases are minor, but many. Please protect yourself by wearing a face covering, when you can, to avoid the spread, or keep a little distance from those around you.

BUILDING UPDATE

As Parents are aware, we are to have a new extension built in school funded by DE School Enhancement Programme. The focus of this SEP is to remove the need for mobile classrooms for P5-7.



I had already informed you that the process of administration on such a project is lengthy but we are making progress.

This will be an exciting time for school and once start dates are agreed – we will inform you of what has been decided.

The building of such a structure will take time and some changes to our normal routine will need to be made to accommodate the work to be carried out. As is always our hope, we plan to function as normally as possible in this building work time. We will keep you informed as decisions are made.

MUSIC LESSONS

Our Music teachers report that many of the new pupils, who have taken up playing an instrument this year in P5, are coming on marvellously well. Practice at home is the key to this progress. Thank you for encouraging this each day in P5-7.

**AFTERSCHOOL ACTIVITIES – EXIT GATES**

All afterschool activities finish at 3:45pm.
P5-7 pupils - exit via the Doagh Road gate.
P4 pupils - exit via School Street gate.

**CONTACT**

Mrs Mulligan will be out of school on Tuesday 15th and Tuesday 22nd March. Please contact Mr McAuley (V.P.) or a Head of Year (P1-7), should you need any assistance.

2022/23 HOLIDAY LIST

Please find attached our proposed Holiday List for 2022/23.

Please find below our proposed 2022-23 Holiday List, should our next school year go according to our usual plan. You will appreciate that changes may be made in accordance with Government/DE/EA Guidance.



TERM 1	SCHOOL STARTS:	Friday 26th August 2022	(all pupils finish at 12:00)
	SCHOOL CLOSED:	Monday 29th August 2022	Bank Holiday
	SCHOOL FINISHES:	Friday 28th October	(all pupils finish at 2:00pm - Interview Week)
HALF TERM	SCHOOL CLOSED:	Monday 31st October - Monday 7th November	
	SCHOOL RECOMMENCES:	Tuesday 8th November	
	SCHOOL FINISHES:	Wednesday 21st December	(all pupils finish at 12:00)
CHRISTMAS	SCHOOL CLOSED:	Thursday 22nd December 2022 - Thursday 5th January 2023	
TERM 2	SCHOOL RECOMMENCES:	Friday 6th January 2023	
	SCHOOL FINISHES:	Friday 10th February	(all pupils finish at 2:00pm - Interview Week)
HALF TERM	SCHOOL CLOSED:	Monday 13th - Friday 17th February	
	SCHOOL RECOMMENCES:	Monday 20th February	
	SCHOOL FINISHES:	Friday 31st March	(all pupils finish at 12:00)
EASTER	SCHOOL CLOSED:	Monday 3rd - Friday 14th April	
TERM 3	SCHOOL RECOMMENCES:	Monday 17th April	
	SCHOOL CLOSED:	Monday 1st May	May Day
	SCHOOL CLOSED:	Monday 8th May	Staff Improvement Day
	SCHOOL FINISHES:	Friday 30th June	(all pupils finish at 12:00)

★ *There will be one other closure to be added in 2023.*