Pond Park Primary School Ut Omnes Curemus - We Care for All

The Friday Note

23 November 2018

AQE Paper 2

The second of the AQE tests for Primary 7 pupils will take place tomorrow morning. We wish them well.

'Flu Vaccinations

The School Health Team will visit school on Monday and Tuesday of next week to administer the 'flu vaccine to those pupils whose parents have given written consent.

After-School Clubs

Please note that <u>all</u> After-School Clubs have now finished until after Christmas, with the exception of Primary 5 Choir, Orchestra, and Gymnastics.

School Photographs

School photographs have been sent home during this week. Payment for photographs *or unwanted photographs* should be sent to your child's class teacher *on or before Friday 30 November* please.

Open Evening

Our Open Evening will be held on Tuesday 11 December from 5.30 pm until 7.00 pm.

Admissions

Parents of children due to commence Primary 1 in September 2019 should note that EA will this year introduce *online* applications for admission. The Go Live date for the new digital admissions is *Wednesday 2 January 2019 at 10.00 am*. *The closing time and date for punctual applications will be 12.00 midnight on Thursday 31 January 2019*.

Parents will continue to provide their child's original birth certificate directly to the first preference school.

The EA is planning to provide Assisted Digital Support for parents. Details of the assistance will be provided in due course. The EA is currently devising a communications strategy to ensure that all key stakeholders are aware of the change in the admissions procedure.

School Tracksuit

Our school tracksuit design/style will be changing next year. *This is not a necessary item of uniform* but we wish to make parents aware of the impending change. The present tracksuit will continue, of course, to be perfectly acceptable

Children in Need

Primary 6 and Primary 7 children organised a wide range of fun activities last Friday to raise funds for Children in Need. They had very creative and commendable fund-raising ideas and had a wonderful time running their competitions and selling their homemade goodies which were enjoyed by everyone in school.

Well done to all the pupils who organised the events and also to the children who went along to spend their money. The magnificent sum of £1,154.66 was raised. What a wonderful achievement by our Primary 6 and Primary 7 pupils! Well done!

PTA News:

Craft Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported our PTA Craft Fair last week. The evening was once again a tremendous success with a terrific number of families and friends coming along to enjoy the friendly and festive atmosphere. The quality and variety of crafts available was impressive and the activities catered well for younger members of the family.

I look forward to advising the final total in due course. The winner of the large Christmas hamper was Mrs Tsang and the mini hamper was won by Mrs McQuiston.

I would like to thank the members of our PTA Committee who have given so much of their time to planning and organising the evening. Our PTA members continue to work tirelessly to raise funds which ultimately benefit all of our children in school. A special thank you to Mrs Shanks who managed the allocation of tables to carefully chosen crafters.

Praying Parents

Our Praying Parents Group will meet on *Thursday 29 November* from 9.00 am until 9.30 am in the Staffroom. Everyone is welcome.

G T Cherry Principal