

The Friday Note

5 April 2019



Easter Holidays

As previously advised, ***school will close at 12.00 noon on Friday 12 April*** (which will be a non-uniform day), for a School Development Day and Easter holidays. ***School will re-open for all pupils on Monday 29 April.***

To ease traffic congestion the Corby Drive gate will be open. Parents should collect their children from the respective year-group areas in the playground.

After-School Clubs

All current clubs will cease at the end of next week and will not recommence in the new term. Children in Primary 2 – Primary 7 will, on Monday, receive details of summer clubs which relate to their specific year-group. All children are therefore free to apply for these clubs.

BBC Radio Ulster School Choir of the Year Competition

Our Choir will take part in the BBC Radio Ulster School Choir of the Year Final which will be held on ***Sunday 7 April in the Ulster Hall. The event will be live on BBC Radio Ulster, commencing at 2.00 pm***, and recorded for transmission on BBC NI television - a first in the competition's history – to be ***aired on BBC1 on Sunday 14 April at 5.35 pm.***

We are immensely proud of the Choir's achievements and their journey – initially winners of the Co Antrim heat which qualified the Choir to the Semi-Final stage last month ... and now the Final!

Photographs

Our photographer will be in school to take photographs next week, as detailed below.

***Wednesday 10 April: Primary 1 and Primary 7 class photographs
Choirs (wearing performance uniform)
Orchestra (wearing performance uniform and having instruments)***

Thursday 11 April: Sports Teams (with medals)

Please note that all sports kits must be returned on or before Tuesday 9 April.

Spring Concert

The members of our Instrumental Groups and Choirs performed splendidly at Tuesday evening's Spring Concert in the Island Hall. Over 150 pupils took to the stage and received a well justified standing ovation. We are extremely proud of all of the children!

AQE

Reminder: P6 Parents' Evening – Tuesday 9 April at 7.00 pm – Assembly Hall

We have received notification from the AQE office that the ***opening date for applications for the 2019/20 cycle will be Wednesday 1 May 2019*** and the closing date will be 6 September 2019. The dates for the Assessments will be Saturday 9 November 2019, Saturday 23 November 2019, and Saturday 30 November 2019. The results will be delivered on Saturday 25 January 2020.

Registration Forms may be downloaded from the AQE website www.aqe.org.uk

Managing Violent and Abusive Behaviour Policy

The vast majority of parents, carers, and others visiting our school, work with us in a positive way and are supportive of school. However, on rare occasions, when a negative attitude towards school is expressed, this can result in aggression and verbal abuse towards members of school staff or the wider school community.

In the event of Staff being subjected to inappropriate language or abusive behaviour the Governors encourage them to end the telephone call or meeting, immediately. Teaching staff also have the right to include a member of the Senior Leadership Team during interviews/meetings with parents.

We expect parents and other visitors to behave in a reasonable way towards members of school staff. This 'Managing Violent and Abusive Behaviour Policy' outlines the steps which will be taken when behaviour is unacceptable. The policy is available on our school website and a hardcopy will be included in September's Pastoral Care Pack.

School Production

Our School Production of 'The Lion King' will be staged at the Island Hall on **22 and 23 May**. Primary 7 parents will receive information regarding ticket sales on Monday 29 April.

If anyone would like to take advertising space in the Show Programme, please contact Mrs Scoffield by e-mail at the following address:-

lscoffield942@c2kni.net.

We would very much appreciate your support.

Lost Property

Please note that lost property will be on display under the stairs until Friday 12 April, after which time it will be donated to charity.

Summer Term

There is great importance in finishing the year well and I seek your continued support in attendance, punctuality, homework completion, uniform, and behaviour. With regard to uniform, please ensure that children continue to wear full school uniform, including school shoes, throughout the term. We encourage children to wear training shoes whilst participating in the Daily Mile. Throughout the summer term girls may wear a school summer dress (blue and white gingham). Boys may wear grey school shorts as the weather improves.

As we reach the end of yet another very busy term I would like to thank you for your continued support and commitment. I hope that you will all have a safe and enjoyable Easter break.

G T Cherry
Principal