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## **THE FRIDAY NOTE (15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024)**

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Between making lots of active journeys to school, touch rugby blitzes and rehearsals for 'The Wizard of Oz', it's been a very busy week in Saints and Scholars! I hope everyone's looking forward to a restful long weekend.

I hope you all find the following information useful for the week ahead!

### **ST. PATRICK'S DAY**

Just a reminder that school is closed on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March for St. Patrick's Day. School will reopen as normal on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>.



### **PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

School will close early on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to facilitate Parent Teacher Interviews. There will be staggered collection times as follows:

- 12noon: P7 children and younger siblings
- 12.10pm: P6 children and younger siblings
- 12.20pm: P5 children and younger siblings
- 12.30pm: P4 children and younger siblings **(and bus)**
- 12.40pm: P3 children and younger siblings
- 12.50pm: All remaining children (Nursery to P2)



There will be a Waiting Club for any children who wish to remain in school (at an additional cost). Children attending waiting club will need to bring a packed lunch as there will be no school meals on these days. Children who are entitled to Free School Meals will be provided with a packed lunch. **If your child is attending Waiting Club on any day, please message your child's teacher on Class Dojo or contact the school directly each day.** Our external afterschool clubs will still run at the usual times.

Normal finishing times apply on Friday of next week.

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## PARENTS' COUNCIL



Our Parent's Council is open to all parents! If you'd like to get involved, please feel free to join us!

Our next two meetings are taking place on the following dates:

- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm
- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm

## ADMIN REMINDERS

- **REPORTING AN ABSENCE:** please remember to record the reason for your child's absence. Simply use the following link to record the reason why your child has been off school:  
<https://forms.gle/sHiF8Lj3maFgsZfn6>
- **PARENT PAY:** just a reminder to regularly check your Parent Pay account for any outstanding payments. If you have any queries on your account, please speak to Grainne in the school office.



## WIZARD OF OZ REHEARSALS

Our school production of 'The Wizard of Oz' is shaping up to be an incredible show! Well done to all of our pupils who are working so hard on memorising their lines, learning dance moves and who are working hard in music rehearsals!

**During Parent Teacher Interview week, there will be three full cast rehearsals for all those children involved. These rehearsals will begin at 12 noon and will finish at 3pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Children should bring a packed lunch with them and a reading book or a silent activity that they can do when not needed.**



Information on tickets for the show will be shared with everyone in due course!

## HELP WANTED!

We're very lucky to have a supportive parent body who want to make Saints and Scholars the best it can be!



On behalf of the Parents' Council, I'm trying to gauge interest in a 'Volunteer Day'. This would be a day of community building, where we could come together to clean up our school grounds. If you'd like to receive more information about how you can help, please email me or contact me on Class Dojo and I will keep you posted!

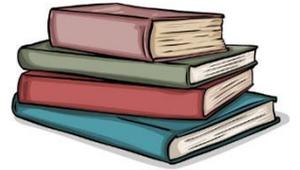
I am also hoping to create a video/advert showcasing our school at some point in Term 3 (when the weather picks up a little). We would use the video on our social media platforms and on our website. If you have an interest in video editing or creating this type of thing, I would love your input!



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## SEAG REGISTRATION DATES

Dates for registration for the SEAG tests have now been released. I will remind parents when the registration period opens. More information can be found on the SEAG website ([seagni.co.uk](http://seagni.co.uk)).



## TOUCH RUGBY BLITZ



On Tuesday, some of our P7 pupils represented our school at a touch rugby blitz at Armagh Rugby Club. The children looked amazing in our new kits which were kindly sponsored by SOS Sales and the IEF. Thank you to our sponsors- the kits are class, and well done to all those pupils who participated!

## INTEGRATED EDUCATION MONTH/ NEURODIVERSITY CELEBRATION WEEK

Each year, Integrated schools across the country celebrate Integrated Education Month, which is an opportunity for the collective celebration of Integrated Education and reflection on what makes us all unique. Next week is also Neurodiversity Celebration Week. We're marking both of these occasions next Friday (22<sup>nd</sup> March) with a non-uniform day. We're encouraging all children to wear **yellow**! A suggested £1 donation will be donated to 'Reach Mentoring' an organisation who do invaluable work in Saints and Scholars!



As always, if you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's class teacher or myself via Class Dojo. I am also outside the school each morning and afternoon if you need to catch me. If you have a safeguarding concern, Mrs O'Braonain (our Designated Teacher for Child Protection) can be contacted by email at [aobraonain211@c2kni.net](mailto:aobraonain211@c2kni.net).

Have a lovely long weekend everyone!

Thank you for your continued support,

**Mr A Scott-Mulholland (Principal)**

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