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THE FRIDAY NOTE (19TH APRIL 2024)

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

We're at the end of another busy week and I'm sure I'm not the only one waiting patiently for the Term 3 heatwave! Please find some important information about the week ahead.

Thank you!

WIZARD OF OZ

The Wizard of Oz performance is fast approaching and excitement is building. There will be three performances – Wednesday 15th May and Thursday 16th May, both starting at 7.30pm and a matinee performance on Thursday 16th May which will start at 10am. Tickets will be on sale from Tuesday 23rd April at the school office between 8.40 – 9.00am, 1.50 - 2.10pm and 2.50 - 3.10pm. Tickets will cost £10 each.



We would ask that individuals buy tickets for one performance only to allow all families to see their children sing and perform. Tickets are numbered to indicate a specific row and seat. Seats are for any person of school age and above (please no pre-school children or buggies/ prams) and all persons attending must have a ticket.

Our pupils will enjoy a performance of the show on Tuesday 14th May.

Information about additional rehearsals for Wizard of Oz was shared on the School Story on Class Dojo yesterday afternoon. Please keep a note of these rehearsals. It is important that we have a full turn out. Thank you for your understanding and support with this.

As a thank you to the children involved in the show- all cast can have Friday 17th May as a day off (if they wish). This will not affect your child's overall attendance. If we could keep this as a surprise for the children- I will let them know after the last performance on the Thursday evening. Thank you.



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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHOIR

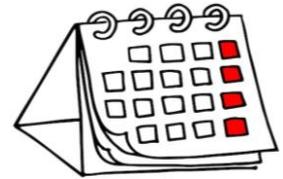
Some of our Primary 4 children will be receiving their First Holy Communion on Saturday 4th May. Information about this was sent home with the children in our school choir this week. Please complete the permission slip and return to your child's teacher.



END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

Please be advised of some changes to the end of term arrangements for our children.

- The P7 Leavers' Assembly will take place on Wednesday 19th June at 10am. After the assembly, school will close at 12 noon to allow teachers and staff to attend the Leavers' Lunch.
- The final day for our Primary 7s will be on Friday 21st June. This will be a normal collection time.
- The Nursery Graduation will take place on Tuesday 25th June. This begins at 9.45am. At 11am (when the ceremony is over) Nursery children will go home with their parents. This will be their last day of Nursery.
- A transition morning has been planned for Wednesday 26th June. Children will spend the morning in their next teacher's classroom with their classmates.
- The last day of term for all children (except for the P7 and Nursery children) will be Friday 28th June.



BOOK WEEK



We are celebrating Book Week from 29th April to 3rd May. We will have a Book Fair at school from Monday to Wednesday of that week (Session 1: 2-2.30pm; Session 2: 3-3.30pm). Parents are welcome to browse the Book Fair during these times with their children. More information about Book Week will be shared in next week's Friday Note.

APPLE BLOSSOM SWIMMING GALA

The Apple Blossom Swimming Gala will take place on Wednesday 15th May 2024 at the Orchard Leisure Centre, Armagh. Each year we enter a team of swimmers from the school, to take part in relays and individual races (one length). It is only for P6 & P7 (though P5's can swim in the P6 races if there are not enough P6 children to fill the quota and if they're a member of a swimming club) children and they can enter only one individual race. There will also be two relays - freestyle & the Apple Blossom Shield - which children will be selected to swim in. The event is due to start at 9:45am sharp. It usually lasts until around 3pm but may finish earlier. Although the gala is competitive, it is always a fun and rewarding day for all those who take part.

If your child is a competent swimmer and won't be intimidated by the noisy atmosphere, please email Mr Bourne (rbourne868@c2kni.net) by Wednesday 24th April, stating your child's name, their class, and their best strokes (races they wish to enter) in order from back crawl, breaststroke & freestyle.



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Please note that this year we can enter two swimmers per individual event, therefore everyone who wants to enter may not be picked for their first-choice event – First preference will be given to those who are in a swimming club.

HOCKEY SUCCESS

A huge congratulations to our P7 boys hockey team who won the George Compston Memorial Hockey Tournament on Wednesday. The children played exceptionally well and were superb ambassadors for our school. We are so proud of you all!



BUS MONEY



A friendly reminder to please ensure you children have enough money for each journey on the bus to and from school. As an alternative to carrying cash, Smart cards are available for purchase from the bus station.

UNIFORM LABELLING

Please ensure all items of school uniforms are clearly labelled with your child's name to allow for lost items to be easily identified. With the weather heating up, it is especially important to make sure coats, cardigans and jumpers are labelled.

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.

Have a great weekend,

Mr A Scott-Mulholland (Principal)