

The Friday Note

16 March 2018



Easter Holidays

Please note that, as previously advised, ***school will close at 12.00 noon on Friday 23 March (which will be a non-uniform day)***, for Easter holidays and also a Staff Training Day. School will ***re-open for all pupils on Tuesday 10 April***.

To ease traffic congestion on Friday the Corby Drive gate will be open.

Punctuality

As a significant number of children are arriving late at school I would remind you that the first school bell rings at **8.50 am**, at which time all pupils should be in the school playground ready for collection by their class teacher. When the second bell sounds at 9.00 am the children should be settled in class for work to commence. Children arriving late disrupt the class and valuable teaching time is lost. I would ask that you make a renewed commitment to ensuring that your children arrive at school in advance of the 8.50 am bell.

Spring Concert

We are very much looking forward to our Spring Concert in the Island Hall on Tuesday evening. The members of our Instrumental Groups, Junior Choir and Senior Choir have worked well to prepare for this event and I am sure all those family members who have purchased tickets to attend the Concert will thoroughly enjoy the evening.

Please note that Lagan Valley Island staff have advised that drop-off/pick-up of children at/from the front doors will not be permitted. On arriving at LVI parents/carers must park in the nearest available space and walk their child/children into the building.

School Production

Our School Production of 'Mary Poppins' will be staged at the Island Hall on 23 and 24 May. We are currently sourcing Victorian costumes and would very much appreciate your assistance if you are able to provide any of the following:-

Boys:	Suits	Girls:	Long skirts/dress
	Jackets		Victorian blouse
	Waistcoats		Shawl
	Flat cap		Fitted jacket
			Victorian hat

If you have had children in Primary 7 in previous years they may have had Victorian Day or Titanic day costumes which would be very useful, if available.

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.

Badminton NI Finals

We were delighted that our boys' and girls' badminton teams won all four titles at the recent Primary Schools' NI Finals. Congratulations to Amber Buchanan, Erin Ferris, Ross Glover, Alex McHenry, Daniel Orr, Jeffrey Rong, Beth Scott, and Joshua Tang.

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 have already received details of summer clubs which relate to their specific year-group. All children are therefore free to apply for these clubs.

Lost Property

Please note that lost property will be on display under the stairs until Friday 23 March after which time it will be donated to charity.

PTA Book Fair

Thank you for supporting our recent PTA Book Fair which was extremely successful. As a result of sales, books to the value of £1,524.12 may now be purchased as additional reading material for school. All year groups will have the opportunity to select resources.

Charity

I would also like to thank you for supporting our UNICEF sponsorship initiative so generously with the wonderful sum of £1,588.31 being raised.

Praying Parents

Our Praying Parents will meet on **Thursday 22 March** from 9.00 am until 9.30 am in the Staff Room. Everyone welcome.

As we reach the end of 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