

The Friday Note

20 April 2018



School Development Plan

As we prepare for a new School Development Plan (2018 - 2021) we will be collating feedback from all stakeholders. As part of this audit, a parent questionnaire on all aspects of school life will be sent home with a number of year-groups. I would very much appreciate your views. Please return all completed questionnaires to your child's class teacher.

Unauthorised Holidays

I would remind parents that we do not support pupils taking holidays during term-time. This is detrimental to pupils' progress and during this term important internal tests take place. Please note that we are unable to provide work for children if they are not in school.

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 this 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.

Online Safety

We would like to make Parents aware of a number of games which are trending among Key Stage 2 pupils at present. Fortnite and Roblox are multiplayer games which are played online and can involve children playing with up to 100 strangers in each game. It is the built-in chat features of both games which have been in the news this week with children being exposed to sinister and inappropriate chat and content by adults who are also playing. Both games are rated as 12+ age appropriate and we have posted a parents' guide on our school Twitter feed and School Website.

Green Flag Status

We are delighted to have our Green Flag status approved once again. I do not underestimate the work of staff and pupils in maintaining this award.

Sport

Congratulations to our girls' netball team. The girls won the McCall's Lisburn League Netball Tournament yesterday, which was held at Lisburn LeisurePlex ... a great end to the season!

School Show

Tickets for our school show, Mary Poppins, will be on sale from **Monday 30 April**. Cast members will receive a booking form next week.

Romanian Aid Collection

We were delighted with the great response for the Romanian Aid collection. Thank you to all those who kindly contributed.

Praying Parents

Our Praying Parents will meet on ***Thursday 26 April*** from 9.00 am until 9.30 am in the Staff Room. Everyone welcome.

G T Cherry
Principal