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Dear Parent

Tennis Tournament

School tennis will commence after Easter in school. The children in Y4/5 will participate in a tournament for the junior tennis trophy. The Y6/7 will participate in a tennis tournament for the Blakiston-Houston Trophy.

Smartie Tubes

If you have not already done so, please return your smartie tubes this week so we can finalise how much we have raised for school funds. This is a very valuable source of funding and we appreciate your efforts in this.

Fun Run Meeting

Our final Fun Run Meeting was held on Tuesday 26 March. Many thanks to our PTA members who have been working hard to organise our main Fund Raiser of the year. Many thanks also to all our Sponsors to date, their names will be on our Face Book page. Further sponsorship would be welcome.

All children and parents/friends should be registered on the Official glossy registration forms sent home. (Children from our school collecting sponsorship do not have to pay the entry fee) All registration forms should have been sent into school by now and we will be giving the children their numbers on the day before the Run on Friday 12 April.

Hopefully children have been busy collecting sponsorship and will return to school by Monday 15 April. Single child families collecting £20+ or families with two or more children collecting £30+ will be put in a draw for a special family prize. All families are requested to provide a loaf of sandwiches and 2 dozen tray bakes on the day to provide the tea afterwards. Anyone unable to attend the Fun Run may leave 2 dozen tray bakes into school on the Friday afternoon.

Thank you to Mrs Nicola Hempton who has been co-ordinating the food provisions and to Mrs Kerry Crawford who has been co-ordinating the whole event. Please plan to join us in our Annual fun event and tell as many others as possible, as funds raised benefit all the children in our school.

Paired Reading

Paired reading has ceased after 6 weeks. Well done to parents and children for their dedication to this very worthwhile project. Children have been tested for progress made and these will be made available for parents on request. Certificates will be presented in school for those who have fully completed the records and the programme.

Paired reading is a good way of boosting your child's confidence in reading and can be used as reading support by parents at home at any time.

Staying Over

Y3 in preparation for Y4 will now stay on in school until 3.05 pm every Wednesday & Thursday, starting 29 April until the end of June.

Y6 After School Class

This class is intended for those entering the AQE examination and will take place on Tuesdays from 3.10 - 4.15pm and continue each Tuesday - unless otherwise notified.

Afterschool Activities

Ulster Scots Dance and Chanter will be continuing after Easter on Tuesday 30 April and Wednesday 1 May from 3.10 – 4.10pm

Shared Education Drama Y3-5

The children from the above classes will be participating in drama classes in St. Peters on Tuesday 9 April and in our school on Tuesday 16 April along with the children from St. Patricks and St. Peters, all fully funded.

Best kept School

We will be entering this competition once again (runner up in our area last year) so would ask that we all make sure we keep our grounds litter free. Anyone who could help with ideas for improving our grounds or could donate flowers/seeds or indeed with any spare time to help with gardening would be very welcome. Please contact school if you can help. **The judges will be in school in April/May.** The eco council are also busy meeting to discuss their project for recycling and reducing waste. We need all your stamps, in perfect condition, batteries and plastic bottle tops.

Cycling Proficiency – Y7

This will commence with a bicycle inspection this Thursday 4 April from 3.10 – 4.10 pm until Thursday 6 June so please make sure your bicycle is in good working order with a bell fitted. A separate letter has been sent out with the days and dates which are all Thursdays with a break for Easter, Election and Balmoral. Mrs Dixon will be taking this class and helmets must be worn at each session. Please endeavour not to miss a session as there is a lot to be covered.

Clothes Collection

If you are doing a Spring clean please remember you can put your clothes in our recycling bin & earn some £'s for our school. Please do NOT add duvets or pillows & put all in a sturdy black bin liner. Remember our recycling bin only holds half black bin liner size

Easter Celebrations

Student's council have met and agreed to hold a design/make an Easter Basket competition for Years 3-7 and an Easter Basket drawing competition for Y1/2. Children in Y3-7 have been asked to bring in items for decorating in school Monday 8 April. There will be a First, Second and Third in each classroom and prizes presented.

An egg hunt and egg and spoon races will be held for everyone on the last day of term and children may come to school in their own clothes (£1 for students Council) with early closing on Wednesday 17 April at 12 noon, buses available (no dinners).

Reminders

- Fun Run Saturday 13 April 12 noon (Registration from 10am)
- Easter Holidays Thursday 18 April –Friday 26 April
- Election (school closed)Thursday 2 May
- SDD (school closed Staff Training)Friday 3 May
- May Bank Holiday Monday 6 May

School will close for Easter on Wednesday 17 April at 12 noon (no dinners) reopening Monday 29 April

Yours sincerely
Iris Wallace
Principal



Wishing all our pupils & families a Happy Easter time.