



Gortin Primary School

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29 April 2019

Dear Parent

Fun Run/Walk

A really big thank you and well done to our Fun Run Committee and indeed to all our parents for the great show of support for our Fun Run this year. All those in attendance were very complimentary and appreciative of the smooth running of the event on the day and the fantastic tea served afterwards.

We don't have the total raised from this year's fun run/walk to date as we await the final sponsorship money so if you have not already done so please return to school so we can also do the family draw for the top sponsorship collected. Thank you to Mrs Kerry Crawford who has had the onerous task of co-ordinating the event and keeping our fun run accounts, we are indebted to her. We hope to use some of these funds to pay annual fees for educational computer software materials.

The committee will meet to decide how the funds raised will be spent but with an ever decreasing school budget this will help a great deal to ensure our ICT equipment and resources are kept in good working order and are added to, to ensure our children have all they need to make good progress in school.

Results for our school were: -

Boys 1st Samuel McPhillimy, 2nd Noah Lucas 3rd Logan Orr

Girls 1st Jessica McCrea, 2nd Emma Orr, 3rd Betha Rickford.

Easter Competition Winners

Y1/Y2: 1st Amy Hempton, 2nd Emily Lucas, 3rd Junior Glass

Y3/4: 1st Ruby Crawford, 2nd Lexie Armstrong, 3rd Callie Cooke

Y5/6/7: 1st Ellie Magee, 2nd Jasmine Rose McLaughlin, 3rd Leah Campbell.

Cycling

Year 7 children will have cycling this Wednesday as the election is taking place on one of our planned days then it will continue each Thursday except Thursday 30 May which will take place instead on Wednesday 29 May as Mrs Dixon is not available on that afternoon. We will send out an amended list of days to avoid confusion still ending on the 6 June. Please ensure they don't miss any and bicycles and helmets are in school. These sessions will finish at 4.15 pm.

Sports Day

Weather permitting our sports day will take place on Friday 7 June @ 12.30 pm sharp. Children may wear their PE kit to school with their sweatshirts if weather is suitable. Buses will be available at 3.05 pm for those who need it. All parents, family and friends are welcome to come along to cheer on the children and are free to go home with them at the end. Please do not bring eats or drinks for your child as the children will be given their lunch just before this and a drink will be available for any child who needs it. All children will be given crisps and a drink at the end courtesy of the PTA.

We will most likely be using the all-weather pitch at the Owenkillew and children are asked to stay within this at all times unless they are being accompanied to the toilet. Please let us know if you are taking your child to the toilet so we can make sure they will not miss their race.

Children should bring in PE kits every day from now onwards as we may be practising as and when the weather is suitable.

Test Week

Test week will begin week beginning 6 May and will continue the following week although the Y6/7 will be away on their residential trip to the Share Centre.

Sun Awareness week 6-10 May

In anticipation of good weather in the weeks leading up to the end of term we have put our Care in the Sun policy on our website. Children are encouraged to wear collared t-shirts for PE and bring in sun hats. Children can avail of chilled water from our drinkers in school. We would ask parents to apply sun lotion if necessary before coming to school. Please note children should be able to apply any top up application necessary and children **CAN NOT** share lotions for health & safety reasons. Girls may wear their red checked summer dresses – boys may wear short trousers or in very hot weather they may come in their PE shorts and t shirts (fingers crossed). We will be participating in the Wrap, Slap and Hat Programme raising awareness of the dangers of the sun in school and a letter about this will be going home with your child so you can reinforce the importance of safety in the sun.

New Intake for September 2019

Two meetings will take place for the fourteen children starting school in September 2019 and their parents. The dates are Thursday 13 & 20 June @ 2 pm when children will spend some time in the classroom with Mrs Dixon & Mrs Hempton. The parents will be notified by separate letter.

Fruit/Snack/Milk

Y1/2 Snack for May/June is £11.10

Y1/2 Snack/milk for May/June is £12.95

Y3 – Y7 Fruit only for May/June is £7.60

Y3 – Y7 fruit/milk for May/June is £9.50

PLEASE SEND ALL MONIES IN ON TUESDAY 7 MAY

Safety in School

For safety reasons we need to keep the school gates closed throughout the school day. Please park outside and enter through the side gate if picking a child up/or dropping off during the school day.

Best Kept School 2019

As we were runners up last year in our area we are keen to continue to make a good impression. The children have been busy weeding, planting and watering. Thank you to Mrs Tammy Scott, Mrs Allison's mum who has kindly been helping out with planting, weeding our beds in preparation and to Mrs Allison/ Mrs Dixon who have been taking the children for gardening classes. A special word of thanks to Mrs Allison who came in over Easter with her Dad to create a bee and butterfly garden on the left of our roundabout. If anyone can help further with ideas to improve our grounds please contact school.

School Website

The school website www.gortinps.com has been invaluable for our fortnightly letters. There are links to educational games and if you want an update on what your children are doing at school that can be viewed there also as we hope to add lots of lovely colourful photographs. Also please note that our main policies on Child Protection, Anti Bully, Internet safety (E Policy), Positive Behaviour and Complaints Policies are all on there and paper versions can be requested or downloaded for your information/advice. We are in the process of consulting with staff/parents/children to help inform us with the updating of our Anti-Bully policy in line with new legislation.

Summer Care for our Plants/Baskets

Please indicate on the slip/ in your child's bag if you would be prepared to help on a rota basis for watering our plants as they need to be watered over the summer holidays. No one would be responsible for more than one week watering on alternate days of that week and a key would be passed round for the small gate. Please indicate any weeks that you would not be available.

Home school link

Everyone should receive the last Home- School link for this school year (May/June) by next week

Y1 Health Check

The nurse will visit school on Wednesday 15 May and Monday 20 May. Parents will be notified separately of times.

Parents Survey

Please find in your children's bag a parent's survey. As part of our school improvement process we are using this survey to help us gather the views of our parents and guardians, your views are very important to us and we use them to assist us in reviewing our performance and help us create a new school development plan over the next three years to help us provide the best possible education for your children and which will meet the needs of every child.

Therefore, it is very important that you **complete our questionnaire** and return to school for my attention by **Friday 10 May 2019**. This is your opportunity to give your views and help us improve.

School mission statement: 'Working together to achieve our best'

Reminders.

- Thursday 2 May..... Election
- Friday 3 May.....SDD
- Monday 6 May.....Bank Holiday
- Thursday 16 & Friday 17 MaySchool Closed.....Balmoral Show & SDD
- Thursday 23 May..... Election
- Monday 27 MayBank Holiday
- Friday 7 June @ 12.30.....Sports Day (weather permitting)
- Wednesday 19 June @ 9 45am.....Y7 Leavers Assembly
- Friday 28 June @12 noonSchool closes.....no dinners!

Yours sincerely

Iris Wallace
Principal

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