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Friday Note

Friday 19th June 2020

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Good morning boys and girls, mums and dads,

What a busy week that was! It was lovely to meet so many incoming P1 parents (and even some pupils!) during our successful induction days. A big thanks to all the staff for helping.

We have decided to scale back on remote learning next week to allow staff to work on book collections (details below), transition documents and further planning for next year. I think all the pupils have earned a well deserved rest! I think mums and dads are ready for a little break too!!

Reopening plans

I am sure you were all tuned attentively to the latest announcements from Stormont yesterday. While encouraging, we still await official guidance from Mr Weir. It is apparent that there are still a number of matters to resolve before we can be confident of a full return for all pupils, especially around classroom size. Once again, I ask for your patience. Bear with us as we await guidance so that the school staff can work together to ensure a smooth and safe return to school.

We are also awaiting guidance on Cool Kids provision. We hope we can get some confirmation today on what we are able to provide during July and August.

Text Book Drop-Off and Exercise Book Collection

As part of our end of year procedures, it is necessary for us to collect all text books, library books etc that may be at home with you at this time. These books may have been sent home for home learning or you may have reading books and/or library books already at home.

We have listed the books that each year group has at home in the table below. In order to ensure social distancing, we have allocated a certain day and time for each class. Please return the books on your allocated day.

Staff will be on hand to collect these books in the assembly hall. You will also be able to pick up any exercise books belonging to your child on this day as well.

Year Group	Text Books	Drop Off Time
Primary 3	New Treasury of English 1 (PINK BOOK) Collins Practice in the Basic Skills (ENGLISH) Blue Book	Monday 22 June Miss Clarke's class 9am – 11am Mrs Gould's class 11.30am – 1.30pm
Primary 7	The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas	Tuesday 23 June Mrs O'Hare's Class 9am – 11am Mrs McCambridge's Class 11.30am – 1.30pm
Primary 4	Complete English Maths New Wave Collins English 2	Wednesday 24 June Mrs Connolly's Class 9am – 11am Mrs Hanna's Class 11.30am – 1.30pm
Primary 5	Both classes Text Books Collins Maths 2 and 3 Collins English 2 and 3 New Wave Maths Primary 4 and Primary 5 New Wave English 3rd and 4th class Photocopied Booklets Schofield and Sims Times Tables Schofield and Sims Mental Maths Collins Mental Maths	Thursday 25 June Ms Kitt's Class 9am – 11am Mrs Gorman's Class 11.30am – 1.30pm



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	Ms Kitt's class only Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (NOVEL)	
	Ms Gorman's class only Matilda (NOVEL)	
P6	Mrs Fleming's Class only Letters from the Lighthouse (NOVEL) Mrs Gartland's Class only Journey to the River Sea (NOVEL)	Friday 26 June Mrs Fleming's Class 9am – 11am Mrs Gartland's Class 11.30am – 1.30pm

P1 and P2

If you have any reading books or library books belonging to the school can these be dropped off at school on **Monday 29 June between 9am and 2pm**. Thank you

Reading Books/Library Books Amnesty

If you have any reading books/library books belonging to the school, please leave them back to school in the coming weeks. It is so important that we have all our books returned for our pupils next year. Thank you.

Update on each Year group

P7

Primary Seven have been working on 'Refugee Week' and 'Black Lives Matter'. The topic has proved very interesting and we have got very positive feedback from the pupils.

Our P7 children will collect their leavers hoodies on Tuesday this week

9:00 – 11:00 Mrs O'Hare's class

11:30 - 1:30pm Mrs McCambridge's class.

The children will receive the link to our very special virtual leavers video. We will see our P7 children soon at our outdoor BBQ and prize evening which we hope to have soon. This will give the children the chance to say goodbye to their friends and the staff.

P6

Primary 6 are now coming to the end of their topic on Titanic. It has really captured their imaginations this year and Mrs Gartland and Mrs Fleming are delighted with the children's projects and models. The children and their teachers had a class discussion on Titanic on Wednesday on Google Classroom and the pupils demonstrated such a wide ranging amount of knowledge! Well done everyone! Hopefully, P6 and their families might get a day trip to the Titanic Centre when it opens in August! That would be a lovely treat for them after all their hard work!

P5

This week, Primary 5 have completed their study of Ancient Egypt. They investigated the life and death of Tutankhamun and designed Egyptian coffins! We have been busy trying to crack your secret codes! Primary 5 also went shopping within a CCEA Numeracy Task. This required a lot of focus and careful calculations - well done! In our spellings, we investigated commonly misspelled words - there were some tricky ones that needed a second look! Looking towards next week, we are now thinking about our summer reading lists.

P4

This week in Primary Four the children have been working really hard on a variety of tasks! They have been completing comprehensions and doing so well answering in full sentences! 'Letters from Lockdown' has really demonstrated their fantastic writing skills too! In Numeracy the children have been doing some practical maths, investigating length around



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their homes and really trying to zap their tables! The children have really impressed us with their artwork, sports activities and other hobbies which they love to share! We are so proud of everything they are achieving!

P3

Yet another great week of home learning in P3! This week the children continued their topic on Animals. We used the website links on our Animal page on Fronter to help us research our favourite animal and then we wrote a report on the animal that we had chosen - super work! We also wrote amazing sensory poems about the Zoo. We loved visiting Edinburgh Zoo online and were watching closely to see the tigers and the lions in their enclosures. Some lucky children even got to see the penguins being fed! Our STEM challenge was to create a Zoo Cage out of a variety of materials - we saw some great results! Our amazing superstar mathematicians were hard at work again. This week they were learning about fractions and loved completing the related SeeSaw tasks. They also completed the CCEA task 'Alien Puppets' which allowed them to apply lots of the maths knowledge that they have learnt this year! We joined the NewsDesk hour on Wednesday to watch the next instalment of 'Wee Critters' - we love it! Finally we had a bit of fun on SeeSaw this week with the activity 'Ahhhh there's a teacher in my house!' Miss Clarke and Mrs Gould loved seeing (and laughing at!) all the creative pictures that were sent to them! Brilliant work P3 - you are all amazing!

P2

The children in P2 have had another successful week of home learning...so many activities completed! They became "Eco Warriors" and discussed what they could do to protect the creatures in the sea from plastic and other pollution...we all now know not to throw away this rubbish but to always recycle! Following on from the story of the Lighthouse Keeper, some children used junk art materials to make their own 3D lighthouse models...such excellent constructions that would definitely help guide the ships at sea! Our story this week was a sea creature favourite...Commotion in the Ocean! The children read the short poems about each animal and then recorded descriptions of their favourite sea creatures...such wonderful expression when reading aloud and brilliantly creative writing, also! For Numeracy, they recorded the number story of 15 and used strategies to solve some tricky word problems! Well done everyone, we loved seeing all of your completed activities and, whilst we miss being in school with you, we are so very impressed by all of the work being completed at home!

P1

We are at the end of another fantastic week of home learning in P1! Continuing with our 'Summer and Growing' topic, children explored the work of Vincent Van Gogh through the story 'Camille and the Sunflowers'! They developed their talking and listening and important comprehension skills, by answering questions about 'Vincent, the painter'. Using his famous 'Sunflower' painting as inspiration, some beautiful drawings were created! Miss Hearty and Mrs McManus were so impressed, we have brilliant artists in P1! Linked to our topic, children also investigated what a seed needs to grow. No wonder they are expert gardeners looking after their own plants at home! Of course, children continued to work on their key word knowledge, building sentences and even their number bond activities were flower themed this week! As we missed our all important sports day, children held their own events at home! From egg and spoon races to obstacle courses, how much fun! Great to see parents, brothers and sisters involved too, what a great way to have fun and keep active. Perhaps we have some future Olympians in our midst! Teachers have also been busy with their own home learning, completing various online courses. They never stop learning, just like the boys and girls in P1. We are looking forward to one final week of home learning, then we will all be ready for our well deserved Summer break!

Creative Voices

Another full week for Creative Voices. This week we worked on healthy ways of coping with lock-down at home. Creating a routine, Keeping an emotions diary, talking about our feelings, making a coping tool box, dealing with change and staying connected.

Some of you created a fabulous time journal of the important moments of your life, from birth to now. Others wrote a really imaginative fairy tale with themselves as the main character and a happily ever after ending. Ms Gorman was thrilled to see pictures of all the artwork you have made. What a talented, creative bunch you all are. She is so proud of you, you are doing an awesome job, each and every one of you. Well Done!



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School Uniform

Just a reminder of our suppliers for our school uniform. Our school uniform is available from Mc Call's in Lisburn. Mc Call's have informed us that items are all available on their website: mccallsoflisburn.com They will be giving 20% discount on school uniform in June and July and their phone lines are open for any questions you may have regarding the uniform. Mc Call's are hoping to be re-opening the store very soon.

PE Uniform

Our PE uniform is available from McCalls and O' Neill's in Kennedy Centre when normal shopping resumes. It consists of a polo shirt, half zip and track bottoms. Children in the infant end of the school may wear the polo shirt with navy blue bottoms along with their school jumper on PE days. The polo shirt can also be purchased from Mc Call's and the navy blue bottoms can be purchased from Tesco's/Dunnes/Marks and Spencers etc.

Unused School Uniform

Mrs O'Hare has been in touch with Oxfam and through July and August, they will accept donations of school uniforms.

Have a lovely weekend everyone....the football is back....Come on Liverpool!!



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