

Newsletter – April 2019



Welcome to our April Newsletter. We hope we will have plenty of April sunshine and not too many April showers this month. It's a shorter month in school because of our Easter holidays. We will finish school on Thursday 18 April and return on Monday 29 April for our summer term.

Pauline Fleming, Acting Principal

On Your Bike!

It's that time of year again! Time to dust off the cobwebs and get out and about on your bike!

Cycling is a perfect way to stay active as a family, however we must remember the importance of road safety.

During Term Three, our Primary Seven pupils will be given the opportunity to take part in the Cycling Proficiency Scheme. This scheme aims to teach children how to ride their bicycles safely. Lessons (theoretical and practical) will be offered as an after-school activity and children must be able to bring their bike to school. The children will be awarded with a certificate of competence after continuous assessment and a final test. Application/consent forms, with the relevant dates, will be sent home very soon. These **MUST** be returned to Mrs Gorman (P6) before we break up for Easter holidays.



Introducing our Cashless System: Schoolmoney

We are delighted to be introducing our cashless system after Easter.

Initially, we will use it only for school payments such as break, dinners, school trips, music etc. When we are confident in its use, we will roll it out for Cool Kids, hopefully in time for our summer scheme.

This week you will have been emailed a letter to introduce the system as well as a Welcome text message and email. Please log on and set up your account as soon as possible.

If you have any queries, please contact us in the office.

We really hope this new system will benefit you enormously as parents. You will have the comfort and luxury of paying at home at any time. You will have no more Sunday night looking for cash etc.!

School trip information will be emailed to you via the system. You will pay online as well as give parental permission. This will cut down immensely on the paper needed for notes etc.

Teachers will not be spending up to 1 hour on a Monday morning counting cash etc. so increasing the teaching and learning time for your child.

The online system will act as a receipt for you and for us, so ensuring accurate records at all times.

Dinners MUST be booked in advance: You have up until midnight of the night before to book.

FREE DINNERS MUST ALSO BE BOOKED.

The online system for booking Term 3 dinners in advance is now OPEN.

P6 swimming for Term 2 and Term 3 is OPEN for Payment

P5 Badminton for Term 3 is OPEN for Payment

P7 tennis for Term 3 is OPEN for payment.

After school clubs for term 3 will open on Thursday 11 April at 8am

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After School Activities Term 3

Booking and payment for Term 3 after school clubs will be made online through Schoolmoney. This will be so handy for you....no more queuing on registration mornings!

Booking for Term 3 clubs will open on Thursday 11 April at 8am. Places are limited in all clubs and will be allocated on a **first come first served** basis.

A letter outlining what clubs are available and fees for the term will be emailed in the coming weeks. Please keep a close eye on your inbox. A paper copy will also be available on request at the office.

Values of the Month

Our "Value of the Month" for April is **FORGIVENESS**

"Forgive others as quickly as you expect God to forgive you"

Anon



Primary 7 Show

Rehearsals are well under way for our fantastic, fun filled Primary 7 show. The Primary Seven children are working so hard at learning the routines, words and tricky songs. We hope our whole school community can support our show at the **Island Hall on May 9th @ 7pm.**

Tickets go on sale on **Monday 15 April** at Lisburn Island centre. Please book early as ticket sales are totally beyond our control. Tickets in previous years have sold out within hours.



Forest School

We are delighted that we are going to be involved in Forest School training in Term 3. Forest School is a unique way of learning outside. Mrs McManus's Primary 1 class will be working with Brian Poots from Forest School in Castle gardens for 6 weeks starting on Wednesday 1 May. Each session will last 1 hour. Mrs McManus will be observing the first 4 sessions and then leading the last 2 sessions.

On completion of the 6 weeks Mrs McManus will complete a number of assignments and the school will gain Forest School status.



Easter Holidays

Easter holidays will begin on Thursday 18 April. School will close early. In order to facilitate the safe pick up of pupils, please note the revised arrangements for pick up:

All P1 - P3 pupils with their older siblings at 11.30am at their P1 -P3 pick up points.

Remainder of P4 - P7 at 11.55am at their normal pick up points.

We hope to stagger all early pick up in this way in future to reduce traffic overload in the car park/top of the lane.

Trocaire Fundraising

During Lent we traditionally fundraise for Trocaire. In April lots of classes will be holding their own fundraising activities. Keep an eye on Seesaw and the Friday Note for details.

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Dates for your diary!

Mon 1 Apr	Mrs McManus, Miss Hearty and Miss McAnerney at World Around Us through play training from 2.30pm - 5pm in Ballinderry Primary School
Tues 2 Apr	Pupil Conference 2 P7 Danceathon in aid of Trocaire Mrs Fleming at risk Reduction Course at EA Fortwilliam
Wed 3 Apr	P6 at tennis Dylan O'Hare and Orleigh Walker at NI Athletics Finals
Thurs 4 Apr	Mrs O'Hare VP Release Day SUB: Miss Teague
Fri 5 Apr	P6 at swimming Mrs O'Hare VP Release Day SUB: Miss Teague
Mon 8 Apr	8 weekly assessment week P6 Mrs Gorman's class at Lisburn Library
Tues 9 Apr	8 weekly assessment week
Wed 10 Apr	8 weekly assessment week Miss Clarke: Mathematics Classroom Observations P6 at tennis Mrs Gould at Digital Literacy Course
Thurs 11 Apr	8 weekly assessment week P4 Breaking of Bread Service: (9..30am in the school assembly hall) Mrs Gould at EA Digital Literacy Course Miss Clarke: Mathematics Classroom Observations
Fri 12 Apr	8 weekly assessment week Mrs Gartland's Parent Assembly at 9.30am in the school assembly hall P6 at swimming After School activities end today
Mon 15 Apr	HOLY WEEK P6 Mrs Gorman's class at Lisburn Library Shrek tickets on sale in Lisburn Island Centre

	Dance afterschool with Lizi Watt: Catch up week 2pm - 3pm and 3pm - 4pm
Tues 16 Apr	HOLY WEEK REGISTRATION MORNING FOR TERM 3 AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITES AT 8.15AM Easter mass for P4 - P7 in St Patrick's Church
Wed 17 Apr	HOLY WEEK Primary 1 Sponsored Bunny Hop in aid of Trocaire P6 at tennis
Thurs 18 Apr	HOLY WEEK School closes half day: see pick up arrangements above
Mon 29 Apr	Planner 7 begins P6 Mrs Gorman's class at Lisburn Library Primary 3 Shared Education Day with Harmony Hill Primary School
Tues 30 Apr	Primary 3 Shared Education Day with Harmony Hill Primary School
Wed 1 May	Primary 3 Shared Education Day with Harmony Hill Primary School Forest School Session 1 in Castle Gardens at 9.30am Mrs Fleming at EA Anti-Bullying training from 1.30pm - 3.30pm Mrs Hanna and Ms Kitt at EA Shared Education Thinking Skills and Personal Capabilities Course
Thurs 2 May	Primary 3 Shared Education Day with Harmony Hill Primary School Awards Assembly Mrs O'Hare at EA Shared Education Course Mrs Crilly at EA PDMU Shared Education Course
Fri 3 May	P5 at badminton P6 at swimming

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