



REMINDER OF HOLIDAYS

School Closed

Monday 26 March – Friday 6 April 2018 (Inclusive)

Friday 23 March 2018 is a normal day so children should wear uniform and normal going home arrangements will apply. The swimming session for P6/7, the Early Bird Club and 123 Club will also run.

School re-opens for Term 3 on Monday 9 April 2018
Early Bird/123 Club as normal on this day.

ECO BOOK SALE

THURSDAY 22 MARCH 2018

Proceeds will go to the Sponsored Child Project.

Children are invited to donate books they no longer want, that are in good condition, for our school ECO Sale. P7 class will also be selling ECO Comics and ECO activity books including a competition sheet on this day.

Used books should be brought into the Resource Room on **Tuesday 20 March and Wednesday 21 March between 8.45 am - 9.15am.**

The children will be given an opportunity during class-time to visit the sale.

If your child wants to buy items a max of £5 per child should be brought to school in a named purse/wallet.

THE ECO COMMITTEE THANK YOU ALL IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

MONDAY 19 MARCH

There will be NO school dinners or J&K bus on this date. Ulsterbus will run as normal. **Please send in a packed lunch with your child.** Normal school arrangements will apply.

EASTER BIBLE CLUB MORNING SESSIONS

Colin Tinsley will visit our school for an Easter Holiday Bible club running Monday 19 March to Friday 23 March 9.15 am-10 am. This will be free to the children and will take the place of our normal Assembly Rota. We have reduced the number of assemblies this term due to this special week.

P1 - P7 EASTER HUNT - FRIDAY 23 MARCH 2018



During the day each class will get the opportunity to complete an Easter Hunt in the school grounds and take home a special Easter treat! We want to thank TESCO, Magherafelt for their donation to help us cover expenses.

P7 CYCLING PROFICIENCY LESSONS

The P7 class are encouraged to take part in Cycling Proficiency lessons in school as part of the Road Safety Programme. These sessions will take place on a Tuesday and a Wednesday afternoon. The children are asked to bring their bicycle into school along with a helmet. They should get their bicycle collected as soon as possible after school hours. School advises all parents to secure their child's bicycle, with a lock attached to the stand, at the Oaklea Road entrance. The school cannot take responsibility for the loss or damage of any bicycles. Please send in a raincoat on these days as cycling will continue unless there is heavy rain. We **do not advise** any child to cycle to school, as roads are busy and this programme does not include on the road training.

LEGAL TENDER

Old Bank of England £10 notes are no longer legal tender from 1 March 2018. **The Post Office will not accept them nor will they accept old £1 coins so please do not send either into school as they will have to be returned to you.**

HEALTHY BREAKS POLICY

Parents who are not choosing to pay into the Healthy Break Scheme run by the school kitchen should be reminded to send in a healthy break for their child to eat in school. Some ideas include: Carrot sticks, cheese and crackers, small sandwich, a bagel, a slice of wheaten bread, an apple, oranges, banana, pot of grapes/strawberries/blueberries, yoghurts etc. No crisps, chocolate bars, sweets or cakes. More information is provided online from the Health Agency and DENI about the importance of reducing your child's sugar and fat intake.

P6 & P7 HOCKEY AND NETBALL TOPS

We had 14 netball tops in school, kindly sponsored a number of years ago by P Keenan Road Surfacing. Recently 3 tops have been lost and we would ask all parents of P6 and P7 girls to please check at home incase tops have been put away in wardrobes and forgotten about. Please return any tops found to school ASAP as unfortunately we can no longer purchase this particular style of top.

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

P6 & P7 SWIMMING

The children in P6 & P7 will be given the opportunity to attend swimming lessons again in Term 3. Parents should pay £20, by Friday 13 April 2018, to help cover the transport costs for the 9 week block. The last swimming session will take place on **Friday 15 June 2018**.

ASSESSMENT WEEKS 14 - 25 MAY 2018

Please make sure your child is in bed early and in school, unless they are sick. If your child will not be in school during this fortnight, please notify school ASAP so that we can alter the timetable, if possible. Most of our testing this year will take place online.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS/ 123 CLUB

Timetables for the After School Clubs and 123 Club will be sent out before the Easter Holidays.

SNACK

March	£5.10
April	£4.80



Check out our school website for more of the school's latest news.

Thank you to all parents and friends who supported our recent dinner at the Royal Hotel to celebrate the school's 50th Anniversary. The raffle and auction on the night raised £1280 for school funds so a huge thanks to all members of the committee and the businesses in the area who donated raffle prizes. We greatly appreciate the support we receive!

The committee are looking for expressions of interest for taking part in our 50th Anniversary concert/play. The committee need more volunteers to take part in a short sketch about school life. Please contact Mrs White ASAP if you are interested in this.

DENI NEWS FOR ALL PARENTS "GIVE YOUR CHILD A HELPING HAND"

As you may be aware the Department of Education has launched a new parental engagement campaign entitled, "Give your Child a Helping Hand". The purpose of the campaign is to inform and empower parents and carers to support their children and ultimately tackle educational underachievement. This can be done by reading to them from an early age; showing an interest in their school; talking to them about their homework; and helping them to make decisions now that will shape them into the adults they will become in the future. Find out more by visiting: nidirect.gov.uk/helping-hand.

HEAD LICE

Several parents have reported that they have treated their children for head lice.

If you suspect your child has head lice, please report any incidences to the school. Detection and effective treatment of any head lice outbreaks is key to reducing the problem.

If you could inspect your child's/children's hair at least once a week throughout the school year, we would be very grateful.

P4 Trip Burnavon Theatre, Cookstown Tuesday 6 March 2018

The P4 class are going to the Burnavon Theatre on Tuesday 6 March to see their performance of 'The Own who was Afraid of the Dark'.

Please fill in the reply slip below and return to school by Monday 5 March, at the latest.

We want to wish all of our families a very happy Easter and thank you for your support this term.





**SPORTS DAY
13 JUNE 2018**

PARENTS HELP!

This year we would like to trial giving out Sports Day medals on the day. We are therefore asking if any parent would be able to make us a wooden podium for the children to stand on for photographs with their medals. Please contact Mrs White if you can help and we will cover your expenses.

**P1 INDUCTION AFTERNOON
MONDAY 18 JUNE 2018**

Please note there will be an early dinner on this day and school will close at 12.30 pm for P1, P2 and P7 pupils to accommodate the new intake and their parents visiting school. There will be a normal school day for P3 - P6 pupils.

**PRIZE DAY
FRIDAY 22 JUNE 2018**
More information to follow.

**P4 TRIP TO THE BURNAVON THEATRE, COOKSTOWN
TUESDAY 6 MARCH 2018**

The P4 class will be going to the Burnavon Theatre, Cookstown on Tuesday 6 March to see their production of 'The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark'.

The children will travel to Cookstown by coach leaving school at 9 am sharp and will return in time for lunch. We are requesting a £3 donation towards transport costs. Please return the consent form and money on or before Monday 5 March **2018**.

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**P4 BURNAVON THEATRE, COOKSTOWN
TUESDAY 6 MARCH**

I do/do not give my consent for my child _____ to travel to the Burnavon Theatre on Tuesday 6 March to see the performance of 'The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark.'

I enclose £3 towards transport costs.

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING IN A
SHORT SKETCH ABOUT SCHOOL LIFE AT WOODS**

I am interested in participating in a fun short sketch about school life in 'The Woods' and am prepared to attend a few rehearsals in the lead up to the performance.

Name: _____ Mobile Telephone Number: _____