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May 2022 – Diary Dates

15th May 2022

Dear Parent

Please take a few minutes to look through the 'Diary Dates' for the next few weeks which will be very busy in school.

Exam Fortnight- Over the next few weeks' pupils from P1-P7 will be undertaking 'End of Year Tests' in school. We would encourage full attendance over the next few weeks. P3-P7 pupils will be doing the majority of their tests 'electronically' so please send a set of 'wired' 3.5mm Jack Headphones' to stay in school for the next two weeks if you have not done so already. Our aim is that each pupil will have a set of headphones which will stay in school throughout the academic year so that they can have a 'set at hand' when required for ICT tasks on iPads, Chromebooks, laptops etc.

Healthy Eating Fortnight- Begins on Monday 16th May and lasts for two weeks. All pupils received the information letter from the Eco Committee on Friday. Over the next two weeks the Eco Committee are encouraging everyone to enjoy a 'healthy' break. Each healthy break is 1 point. If a pupil gains 8 points over the next fortnight, then they receive a 'written homework pass'.

Swimming- P4/5 Swimming will continue each Tuesday 'as normal' until the end of Term 3.

Cookstown High School 'Taster Days'- These 'Taster Days' will be held for current P6 pupils with the first happening this Friday 20th May. The second day is Friday 24th June. Please check information sheets sent home last week.

Woodhall Residential- An information session will take place on Monday 23rd May 2-3pm in the P7 room for all P6/7 pupils and their parents who are going on the Residential in a few weeks' time. Please complete the 'Google survey' sent out last week via Text message to confirm attendance at this meeting.

Library Van- We are delighted that the Library Van will be restarting its fortnightly visit to school beginning on Monday 23rd May. We have a copy of the majority of P3-P7 pupils' library cards in school from 'pre Covid'. If you have received a message this week about sending a photograph of your child's library card or completing an application form, please send these into school before Monday 23rd May so that your child can avail of this great service.

Jubilee Summer Fair- The Parents Association have been busy in the last few months organising the Jubilee Summer Fair and BBQ for all members of our local community. It is great to 'open' this event to the wider community following a relaxation in Covid restrictions. The Jubilee Summer Fair and BBQ will take place on Friday 27th May 6.30pm – 8.30pm

Eco Committee- A meeting of the Eco Committee will take place on Thursday 22nd May 3pm – 4pm.

New P1 Parents Evening- An information session for parents of our new P1 pupils (September 2022) will take place on Tuesday 31st May 7pm – 7.45pm

Jubilee Holiday- School will be closed for all pupils on Wednesday 1st, Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd June to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Written Homework- The last day of 'written homework' will be Monday 30th May (if a pupil gains a 'homework pass' during Healthy Eating fortnight then their last night will be Wednesday 25th May). Spellings, Tables and Reading will continue for the first couple of weeks in June.

Residential Trip- The P6/7 pupils will be away on their Residential Trip from Monday 6th June – Wednesday 8th June.

Sports Night- Our aim is to have Sports Night during the week beginning 13th June. Our first choice is Tuesday 14th June but we will look at the weather and decide at the start of that week. We hope to use Coagh Utd's Sports Arena again this year for our Sports Night.

School Reports- Reports will be sent out during week beginning 13th June (likely Wednesday 15th June). Should you wish to make an appointment to speak with your child's teacher based on their School Report please contact your child's teacher once you have got your report to arrange a time during week beginning Monday 20th June.

P1 Induction Morning- On Friday 17th June our new P1 pupils (September 2022) will spend the morning in their P1 classroom 9am – 11am.

P7 Prize Giving Assembly- The 'P7 Leavers and Prize Giving' Event will take place on Monday 27th June at 1pm

Final Assembly- Final Assembly and Prize Giving for P1-P6 pupils will take place on Wednesday 29th June (Time to be confirmed)

I know that there will be a few additional events happening that haven't been finalized yet so are not on this list but hopefully you will be able to write these dates into your calendar.

Traffic at 'Drop off' and 'Collection'- As previously communicated (last time was a few weeks ago via Seesaw) we have been made aware of several 'near misses' in terms of accidents outside the school gates at 'drop off' and 'collection' times. I'm sure everyone will agree that we wish to keep everyone in our school community safe at all costs. With this in mind we are asking again that no one parks on the 'Zig Zag Lines' outside the school gates. Parking on these lines severely compromises visibility and means other vehicles need to pull out to the other side of the road.

As a school we have liaised with our local elected officials (MLA's, MP's and Councilors along with the PSNI). Following another incident towards the end of last week the PSNI have advised that they will be hoping to do 'spot checks' in the local area looking for traffic violations (this could include parking, speeding and dangerous driving so please bare this in mind when driving/parking near the school).

The Baptist Church have kindly offered us the use of their car park (front and back) which is minimal distance from the school and a great 'safe' alternative for everyone. We would also ask that consider 'park and stride' from the main street or further along Urdal road.

Yours faithfully



I. Bayne