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THE FRIDAY NOTE (22ND MARCH 2024)

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

I hope everyone who met with their child's class teacher this week found these meetings useful in keeping you updated with your child's progress. I was busy with rehearsals for The Wizard of Oz on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Well done to those children who attended these rehearsals- everyone is working really hard- prepare to have your socks blown off everyone!

Please find attached some important information for the week ahead!

PARENTS' COUNCIL MEETING



Our next Parents' Council meeting is taking place on Monday 25th March in school at 2pm. All parents are welcome.

Thank you to all of those parents who reached out to offer their assistance on our 'Volunteer Day'. Once the Parents' Council have agreed a date for this to take place, I will keep everyone informed. Thank you!

EASTER HOLIDAYS

School finishes for the Easter break on Wednesday 27th March. This will be a non-uniform day for the pupils. We will operate staggered finishing times on this day:

- 11am: P7 pupils (and younger siblings)
 - 11.10am: P6 pupils (and younger siblings)
 - 11.20am: P5 pupils (and younger siblings)
 - 11.30am: P3 and P4 pupils (and younger siblings)
- The school bus will leave school at 11.30am**
- 11.40am: All remaining pupils (Nursery, P1 and P2 pupils)



No lunches will be provided on Wednesday. School will reopen for Term 3 on Monday 8th April.

CLASS ASSEMBLY

Parents of children in Mr Downey's P5/6 class are invited to their Class Assembly on Tuesday 26th March. The assembly will begin at 9.30am. I've heard the children rehearsing and you are in for a treat!



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SMARTPHONE FREE CHILDHOOD



Yesterday afternoon, I shared information about the 'Smartphone Free Childhood' movement that's gaining a lot of momentum across the country. I attended a Zoom session (along with parents across the country- including some Saints and Scholars parents) last night when some very harrowing research on the connection between smartphones and children's mental health was discussed.

If you'd like to know more, or want to get involved, you can visit the website:

<https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/>

SUSTRANS: BIG WALK AND WHEEL CHALLENGE

Well done to all the children who took part in the Big Walk and Wheel Challenge. At the time of writing, Saints and Scholars were in 24th position out of all the schools in Northern Ireland- a real achievement! Thank you to all the parents who encouraged their children to make active journeys to school- it was great to see so many hi-vis vests being put to good use! I really noticed a decrease in the congestion around the school gates- keep it up everyone!



SAVE THE DATE



The Wizard of Oz production will be staged on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th May (shows will begin at 7pm on both of these dates). Ticket information will be announced after the Easter break. In the meantime, keep it free. You do not want to miss this!

BUS PAYMENTS



If you pay for your child to use the school bus, please ensure they have enough money each day to cover their fare. A Smart Card can be purchased from the Bus Station which works out cheaper than the regular 90p per journey. Please speak to Roberta if you have any questions.

As always, if you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's class teacher or myself via Class Dojo. I am also outside the school each morning and afternoon if you need to catch me. If you have a safeguarding concern, Mrs O'Braonain (our Designated Teacher for Child Protection) can be contacted by email at aobraonain211@c2kni.net.

I hope you all have a fantastic weekend! I'd also like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy Easter!

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr A Scott-Mulholland (Principal)



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