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## **THE FRIDAY NOTE (23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 2024)**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It's been great to be back to school this week after a lovely half-term break!

Please find attached some important information.

### **POST-PRIMARY ADMISSIONS PORTAL**

EA Connect closed yesterday at 12 noon for online post-primary applications. If you missed this deadline, late applications can still be submitted until 4pm on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March. Applications which were made on time will be considered before late applications.



### **HOLIDAYS 2024-25**



I have attached the Holiday List for the next academic year ([click here](#)). These dates are subject to change but we will ensure we give lots of notice if we need to change any dates. Dates in red are school closures and dates in yellow and green are half days.

Term 1 will commence on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August and will finish half day for that week to allow children to settle back into their classes after the summer break. Nursery and P1 children will have their own settling in process which they will be informed of in due course.

### **WORLD BOOK DAY**

World Book Day will be taking place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March. On this day we are asking children to come to school dressed as a character from a book. This will be a fun-filled day and we will share more information with you all in next Friday's Note.



### **CAR PARKING**



Thank you for all your support in terms of car parking in the mornings and afternoons. Please remember to keep the 'Keep Clear' box outside Miss Macartney's classroom free at all times!

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## **PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

Parent Teacher interviews will take place on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March. If you would like to avail of an appointment with your child's teacher, please add your details to the following form ([click here](#)) by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March. Your child's teacher will confirm your appointment time with you directly. You can avail of a face to face or a telephone meeting.



To accommodate these meetings, school will close early on the three days. There will be staggered collection time as follows:

- 12 noon: P7 children and younger siblings
- 12.10pm: P6 children and younger siblings
- 12.20pm: P5 children and younger siblings
- 12.30pm: P4 children and younger siblings (**and bus**)
- 12.40pm: P3 children and younger siblings
- 12.50pm: All remaining children (Nursery to P2)

We will operate a waiting club from 12.00 to 3.00pm for these days. This will be charged at £2.50 per child. Children attending the waiting club will need to bring a packed lunch as there will be no school meals on these days. Children entitled to free school meals will be given packed lunches. Our external afterschool clubs will still run at the usual times.

## **COLLECTION TIMES FOR NURSERY TO P3**

We ask that parents collect their children from school punctually each day.

School finishes for the children at the following times:

**Nursery:** 1.15-1.30pm

**P1 and P2:** 1.55pm

**P3:** 3pm (Monday and Tuesday) and 1.55pm (Wednesday-Friday)



The teachers of our younger classes cover in the afternoons and so are unable to supervise children whose parents are running late. Children who haven't been collected at home time will go to an afternoon club (Nursery-P3 only). We have a 15 minute grace period and then a charge of £2.50 will be added to your Parent Pay account. Thanks in advance for your understanding.

## **LEAVERS' HOODIES**



It's that time of the year now when we start to think about Leavers' Hoodies for our P7 pupils who will be moving on to pastures new in September. If you are a P7 parent and would like to order a hoodie for your child please complete the following form ([click here](#)). Payment for the hoodie (£18) will be added to your Parent Pay account.

## **SCHOOL CLOSURE ON ST PATRICK'S DAY**



Just advance notice that school will be closed for St. Patrick's Day on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March.

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## **FIRST CONFESSION AND SERVICE OF LIGHT**

Just a reminder of the following dates for our pupils preparing for their sacraments this year:



**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb:** First Confession (P4 pupils) at St Malachy's at 6pm

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Ceremony of Light (P7 pupils) at St Patrick's Cathedral at 7pm

## **UPCOMING CLASS ASSEMBLIES**

I just wanted to give advanced notice of the following class assemblies taking place over the next couple of weeks. Parents of each class leading that week's assembly are welcome to attend. Assembly begins each Friday at 9.30am.

1. Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March: Miss Macartney's class: Mother's Day
2. Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March: Miss McGeown's class: St Patrick's Day
3. Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March: Mr Downey's class: Easter



## **PARENT PAY**

Please ensure you regularly check your Parent Pay account and settle any outstanding balances as soon as possible. Grainne in the office is happy to answer any questions you may have about any payments on your account.

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 out at the front of the school each morning and as much as possible each afternoon if you have any issues or concerns (or if you just fancy a chat). If you have a safeguarding concern, Mrs O'Braonain (our Designated Teacher for Child Protection) can be contacted by email at [aobraonain211@c2kni.net](mailto:aobraonain211@c2kni.net).

Have a great weekend,

**Mr A Scott-Mulholland (Principal)**