



Parent Consultations
4 - 7 March

2 pm finish for all classes all week.

Travelling Book Fair
11 - 15 Mar



Open to parents after school each day

Charity Week

25 Feb - 1 Mar
Details overleaf



From the Principal

Where did that half term go? January escaped without a newsletter, so I have squished it all together in this one. It's great to see brighter mornings and evenings and our daffodils beginning to sprout.

Straight after half term we are into Charity Week, which is always good fun, following that will be our Parent Consultation Week; information should be received this week regarding both. We very much appreciate your on-going support.

Enjoy your break, I'm very much looking forward to heading off to Edinburgh for a few days to see my elder son.

Welcome & Goodbyes

We are delighted to welcome new pupils George to our P5 class and Ocean to P7.

A warm welcome to Miss Kearney who is now teaching in P7. Miss Hyndman has moved to P6 following the retirement of Mrs McMullan.

We wish Mrs Adams a few weeks of peace on her maternity leave, before the excitement of her new arrival. SCU1 & 2 really enjoyed their first experience of a baby shower.

We were also sad to say goodbye to Miss Mulholland as she heads off on an exciting adventure in Australia.

We will have a few more imminent changes in staffing. Mrs Brown and Ms O'Callaghan will both be taking early retirement under an EA scheme which requires them to leave at the end of March 2019. New teachers have been appointed, Miss Keogh shall be teaching P1 for the remainder of the year and Mrs Bennett is looking forward to taking over Mondays and Tuesdays in the P4 classroom.



PTA News

The Jumping Clay workshop held before Christmas was very well attended and enjoyed by all. The event raised **£122** for the PTA.

The next PTA event:

Movie Night on Thursday 14 February

6.15—8.00 pm

Movie announced on night



Holidays

The school cannot authorise or support family holidays taken during term time.

Teachers are under no obligation to supply work missed due to time taken off school.

Important: Health & Safety

Many thanks for your on-going consideration in waiting either beside the railings or along the side where P1 line up, in the mornings. It has made it much easier for the teacher on duty to supervise the children in the playground.

I would remind you that **parents/guardians should not be driving into the school grounds** to drop off or collect children from either playgroup or the school at any time between 8.30am and 4.00pm.

Please **do not bring dogs** into the school playground as we cannot guarantee your dog will not bite and many children are frightened of dogs.

Remember school is a NUT FREE zone due to several pupils suffering from serious allergies

Thank you

All of these requests are simply for the safety of your children

Diary Dates

PTA Movie Night	14 Feb
Half Term	18– 20 Feb (inclusive)
P5 YMCA Camp	18 & 19 Feb
Peace Proms	24 Feb
Charity Week	25 Feb - 1 Mar
Parent Consultations	<i>Week Beginning 4 Mar</i> 2pm finish all week
Book Fair	<i>Week beginning 11 Mar</i>
P1,2 & SCU1 Lyric Trip	12 Mar
School Development Day	18 Mar

Class News

P4 had their first experience of a rugby tournament at Instonians' RFC where they played tag rugby against other schools.

Our netballers played 2 matches against Euston Street Primary this week, comfortably winning both.

Well done to Eva in P6 who recently represented the school so well at an All-Ireland swimming competition in Dublin, see photo to left.

Groups of P6 pupils have loved joining residents of Carryduff Nursing Home each month in 2019 to participate in intergenerational activities. They have celebrated Winnie the Pooh Day and Chinese New Year so far. The next visit will involve St Patrick's Day activities. See photo to left.

The P7 class learnt much about personal safety following a visit to the fantastic multi-agency Bee Safe event.

Our choir are busy practising for the Peace Proms event at the end of the month where they will join with other primary school choirs from all over NI to sing with the cross border orchestra and soloists at the SSE Arena.

Charity Week

25 Feb - 1 Mar 2019

Our chosen charity for this year is Marine Conservation Society as we have been looking at the impact of plastic in our oceans and on our beaches.

The Marine Conservation Society is the UK's leading charity for the protection of our seas, shores and wildlife. For over thirty years MCS has been the voice for the sea for all the fascinating creatures that live beneath the waves, for our breath-taking coastal environment, for all those who make a sustainable living from the sea and for everyone who simply enjoys visiting the beach and our glorious coastline.

Various activities will take place throughout the week. Details to follow.

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