

## **June Update**

12 June 2020

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The end of the school year is upon us. It should be the season of Sports Days, Summer Fair, residential trips, class trips, and other such summery things. At least general life is showing some signs of opening up again.

### **Home-Learning**

I am sure that by now many of you are looking forward to having a break from home-learning at the end of June. Our last week of providing home-learning materials will be the week beginning Monday 22 June. Believe me when I say we would far rather have your children in school, in a classroom; it would be much easier for everyone.

You have done a fantastic job juggling meeting the educational needs of your children with all of the other pressures this pandemic has brought. I know the teaching staff have really appreciated your support.

I want to thank the teaching staff for rising to meet the challenge of home-learning alongside the many other pressures in their home lives too. We have an amazing team in school who have pulled together incredibly well throughout this. I have truly valued their support. It looks, however, like home-learning will be with us next term too. We have learned much about what has worked well and what hasn't, so hope to take the best of this into the new education system in September.

We have, as yet, received little guidance or advice as to what the new school year will look like, apart it involving 'blended learning' – a combination of time in class and home-learning. We await information from the Education Minister.

### **Reports**

Reports will be issued as follows:

P1, P2 & SCU	Tuesday 23 June 9.30 – 10.30am
P3 & P4	Tuesday 23 June 11.00am – 12.00 noon
P5 & P6	Wednesday 24 June 9.30 – 10.30 am
P7	Wednesday 24 June 1.00 – 2.30 pm

If the weather is good, tables will be set up in the playground to dispense reports. Otherwise please use door from the back Playgroup car park to access the hall. We would ask that only 1 person per family collects the report/s in order to limit footfall and help with social distancing. You may obviously collect reports for your own children in different classes at one time. It will not be possible to collect reports for friends/neighbours etc. for GDPR reasons. Any reports which are not collected will be posted.

Please also take this opportunity to return any school resources, in particular any reading books you may have hiding under beds, etc.

## **P1 Admissions**

We regret that we cannot carry out our normal P1 Induction process due to current restrictions, but we have plans of a virtual nature! We obviously to support our new pupils and families to make this transition as stress-free and exciting as we can.

We hope to offer a very brief individual 'Meet and Greet' on Thursday 25 June, details will be emailed to new P1 parents early next week

## **P7 Superstars**

We are so sorry that our wonderful P7 class has not had the ending in Carryduff Primary that they would normally have experienced or deserve. They have missed out on their residential to Edinburgh, a special farewell assembly with their families and many other events in term 3. They have been a magnificent class who set a great example to the younger pupils. They are hard-working, talented and kind.

We would like to offer our P7 a brief 'Fly Bye' on Wednesday 24 June when they come to collect their reports. Details will be sent to P7 parents shortly.

We wish our P7 pupils every success in Year 8, which will be another unusual transition for them.

## **Staff Changes**

We want to thank Mrs McGarrigle for teaching SCU2 from September to May whilst Mrs Magill was on maternity leave. She has been fantastic asset to the school, from arranging the music for our Christmas events to being a very nurturing teacher to SCU2 pupils. We are delighted to welcome Mrs Magill back to a very different school system from the one she left!

## **Transfer**

The information to date remains that AQE and GL tests will be going ahead in November/December. Applications for the tests opened in May and will close in September. Lagan College is, as yet, the only school in our area to announce that it will not be using academic selection for the 2020/21 year. We will endeavour to provide information to P6 parents as and when we receive it.

## **School Restart**

Classes for September will be taught as follows:

SCU1	Miss Verner
SCU2	Mrs Magill
P1	Mrs Thompson
P2	Mrs Humphries
P3	Miss Keogh
P4	Mrs Bennett & Mrs Hodkinson
P5	Mr Magee
P6	Ms Hyndman

P7 Miss Martin  
Learning Support Mrs Martelli

We hope to be able to provide you with information as to when school will start back and for whom, as soon as possible. We anticipate this will be end of June or early July, dependent on guidance being issued from the Executive and DENI.

I sincerely wish you and our staff a lovely summer. I do hope you can manage to take holidays to caravans, down south, the mainland or maybe even Europe. I hope to be able to take my campervan somewhere, ..... anywhere beyond the front garden.

Keep smiling

Barbara Preston  
Principal