



WEEKLY NOTE

Wednesday 9th February 2022

Diary Dates:

Fri 11th School Closes for Half Term

PICK UP TIMES AS NORMAL

Mon 14.2.22-Fri 18.2.22 School Closed

Mon 21st Feb School Reopens for all

Fri 25th Feb Y5 Speedwell Trust

Tue 8th Mar Y5 "Think It" Programme

Fri 11th Mar Y5 Ulster Museum

Mon 14th Mar Y6 Speedwell Trust

Wed 16th Mar Y4 Speedwell Trust

DIARY DATES - ST PATRICK'S DAY

Closure

School will be closed on Thursday 17th and Friday 18th March for St Patrick's Day

CHANGE TO PERSONAL DETAILS

Reminder - Please keep us up to date with any personal information changes, eg change of address, mobile numbers, contacts etc.

SENDING MONEY TO SCHOOL

Please ensure that you label envelopes clearly so we know what the money is for. This week we received a few envelopes with money in them but no name or information. If you think you sent in money with not note on the front, please call the school office.

PERMISSION SLIPS

Please help us by returning permission slips as promptly as you can. A lot of time is spent chasing permission for events and trips and it is putting a lot of pressure on staff. We are working hard to try to get things back to normal for the children and appreciate your support with this.

USING SOCIAL MEDIA

We sent out a letter via online platforms which sets out advice for parents when using social media. Please ensure you follow the Social Media Policy agreed by the Board of Governors.

School meals MUST be paid for in advance

School meals should be paid for in ADVANCE before your child takes them. We do not have an account facility with the school meals provider.

Last term late payments caused issues in the office and we want to avoid this. Unfortunately, we have no alternative but to stop cooked lunch provision for pupils whose parents fail to pay arrears despite repeated requests. If you have been informed that lunches are stopped until payment is received and your child comes to school with no lunch money you will be contacted and asked to provide a packed lunch.

Thank you to the majority of parents who pay in advance for lunch.

CLASS ARRANGEMENTS

You may be aware of staff shortages in education due to COVID absence amongst staff. This is a real issue for schools at the moment as so many schools are seeking cover from the Northern Ireland sub teacher register. To date we have not had to close a class but there have been times we have had difficulty finding teaching cover. We want to make you aware that if we cannot source cover for teaching staff absence we may have to close a class and opt for home learning until appropriate cover is found. Please understand that this is a last resort and we will do everything we can to operate as normal.

Procedures if your child is ill

If your child is ill, please do not send them to school. If they have a non COVID related illness, please check the following page which will give you guidance as to recommended absence periods.

Remember to **RING THE SCHOOL OFFICE** to register all absences rather than contacting teachers via online platforms. It is very difficult for teachers to remember every message and deal with them when they are teaching. For further information, please see the table on the back of this note.

YOU MUST RING THE SCHOOL TO INFORM US OF ANY ABSENCE

Do I need to keep my child off school?

Whooping Cough 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics				
Chicken Pox Until all spots have crusted over	Conjunctivitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Diarrhoea & Vomiting 48 hours from last episode	Glandular Fever No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Hand, foot & mouth No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed
Measles or German Measles 4 days from onset of rash	Mumps 5 days from onset of swelling	Scabies Until after first treatment	Scarlet Fever 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	Slapped Cheek No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed
Impetigo Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics	Flu Until recovered	Head Lice No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Threadworms No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Tonsillitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

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