

Education Authority Western Region

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Principal Mrs C Thompson

To Parents/Guardians,

Nursery – Sharing from the Start

We are very excited to be able to share with you, information on a new project for Nursery classes: Sharing from The Start.

Strabane Primary School Nursery and St. Catherine's Nursery successfully launched the programme before Christmas. Sharing from the start involves our pupils, parents and the staff of the two schools as they come together and share in this learning and development programme.

Slip into Slippers

On **Friday 27th January**, we hope to run our charity day supporting Age NI. During this day, pupils are encouraged to wear their bedroom slippers to school for fun. You may wish to send a pair of shoes with your child for outdoor break and lunch that day. We ask that everyone who takes part brings £1 to contribute to this worthwhile charity. The pupils should enjoy the novelty of this day and we will take time to think about how we can connect with the elderly in our families and the wider community.

Reminder Pre-School and Year 1 Admissions Portal is currently open.

The closing date and time for Pre-School and primary one applications will be **12 noon on Friday 27 January 2023.**

Please ensure you have the forms submitted on time. Forms submitted after this date must be treated as 'late' and should we have more applications than places available 'late' applications cannot be considered until all 'on time' applications have been offered a place.

Parents/Guardians with pupils in **Nursery must complete an application for P1.**

Post Primary Admissions

- Admissions criteria available to view on EA website from 12th January 2023
- Post Primary Admissions 2023/2024 procedure OPENS 12 noon on Wednesday 1st February 2023

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- Post Primary Admissions 2023/2024 procedure CLOSES 4pm on Thursday 23rd February 2023
- Notification of outcome Saturday 20th May 2023.

PTFA Funds

Thanks to the excellent fundraising efforts through our PTFA and your generous support, we have been able to purchase two new SMART boards for our school, enabling every classroom to have a state-of-the-art Smart board for everyday teacher and general use. In addition, we have also purchased ten top of the range laptops for use in the fully equipped ICT suite but also for use in class. These spends have been significant and we are grateful for the opportunity to give our pupils access to these valued resources during the current climate. Thank you.

We are now working towards Charity status with the aim of accessing of further opportunities available to us. If you would like to get involved, please contact the PTFA chair, Mr. M McCrea.

Play Group Mobile

You may have noticed or be aware that our Playgroup mobile has undergone significant refurbishment since Halloween. We are now delighted to inform you that the Playgroup has now relocated back to the school grounds with a virtually brand new fully equipped mobile unit. Thanks to the Education Authority for their support with this project.

Shared Education

Yr 1/2 have successfully completed their Shared Education programme with Sion Mills PS and their newsletter can be viewed on the website at

<https://www.strabaneps.co.uk/news/shared-education-term-1-/>

Yr 3/4 have now commenced their programme.

Action Mental Health are running workshops from Year 1 – 7 during this half term culminating in our Mental Health and Wellbeing week in February

Diary updates

- Paired Reading Y4 and Y6 16th Jan for 4 weeks
- Y4 Holy Communion begins in school on Tuesday 24th January
- Health and well-being Week – *Connection*
Monday 6th Feb – Friday 10th Feb
- Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 7th February 2023
- Friday 10th February PTFA Valentine's Disco in school
- Parent Involvement in Numeracy 'Times Table Rockstars Y5, 6 and 7 commencing 20th February for 5 weeks.

Yours faithfully,

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