

Education Authority Western Region

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4th January 2024

Principal Mrs. C Thompson



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Wishing you all a Happy, Healthy and Safe New Year

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Thursday 4th January – Wednesday 27th March 2024

Pantomime

Thank you again to everyone involved in our Wizard of Oz performance. The children did a wonderful job. Thanks to the pupils, staff, you the parents and the PTFA for all their hard work behind the scenes. Downloads are available to purchase on the PTFA website.

<https://ptfa.strabaneps.co.uk/>

Milk money

Milk money for the new term (Jan – March) is now due (£11). If you want your child to receive milk in school please send this amount, in a labelled envelope, to Miss. Smyth by Wednesday 10th January. Thank you.

Parent Teacher Interviews (Nursery – P6)

Parent interviews will continue as planned before the February Half Term break. These will be conducted face to face. Your child's teacher will send you notification of the planned date and time for your appointment. If the appointment date and or time does not suit, we will endeavour to rearrange.

Nursery and P1 Applications

Digital Admissions Applications

Nursery

Children born on or between 2 July 2020 and 1 July 2021 are eligible for a place in our nursery unit.

P1

Children born on or between 2nd July 2019 and the 1st July 2020 will have reached compulsory school age in September 2024. Children who are currently in our nursery or the playgroup will need to apply for a place.

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If your child is starting pre-school or primary school in September 2024, you can apply for their place online from **Tuesday 9 January 2024 at 12 noon**.

The closing date and time for pre-school and primary one applications is **12 noon on Friday 26 January 2024**.

Please ensure you have the forms submitted on time including birth certificates and verification evidence. 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**.

<https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions/applying-for-a-school-place>

Open Day

Open Day Video - <https://youtu.be/unGHUEwwk3Y>

Reminder re the Open Day, this will take place on **Tuesday 9th January, 2 – 4pm**. As the school will be opened up on that day, with visitors moving around the entire school, pupils in Nursery will go home at **12 noon** whilst pupils in Years 1 – 7 will go home early on Tuesday 9th Jan at **1pm**. If it is more convenient for you to collect all your children at the one time of 12 noon, please let the school office know. Teachers may require the help of some pupils for the open day, but they will liaise with you directly regarding this after Christmas time. Dinners will continue to be served on this day.

For anyone who wishes to attend the Open Day, please book ahead by letting the school office know, thank you.

Transferring from Year 7 to Year 8 in September 2024

Information on the procedures for post primary school admissions in September 2024 will be available on the EA website on Thursday 11th January 2024.

School App

Please ensure you have downloaded the School's website App as this is a free service. Using text messages significantly impacts cost and therefore will only be used on certain occasions.



A new After school's opportunity

An opportunity for pupils in Year 5 – 7 is being planned for after school. Robert Snodgrass, a longstanding multi-skills coach, is offering 30 places for the first 30 names and payments lodged with school for an afterschool's programme of physical coaching and exercise which has a focus on game skills and team activities.

The programme commences on Tuesday 16th January from 3 – 4pm at a cost of £2 per session. This will run on a trial basis for 6 weeks, until the end of February. The cost for the 6 weeks is £12 per pupil.

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Please complete and return the attached slip along with payment in order to secure your place. We will operate a waiting list, should the club be oversubscribed.

Thank you and we look forward to commencing this new after school activity.

Breakfast club

Breakfast club continues 8.15 – 8.45am everyday Monday – Friday with Miss. Smyth. Please remember, unless your child is attending breakfast club, school supervision does not commence until 8.45am in the playground.

Dates for your diary

Dates to remember during the term:

- 8th – 12th January Energy saving week
- 15th January – 9th February P4 and P6 Paired Reading Programme
- 18th January potential disruption to school due to planned strike action
- 2024/2025 Nursery Applications 9th – 26th January
- 2024/2025 P1 Applications 9th – 26th January
- 2024/2025 P7 Post-Primary Applications 30th Jan – 22nd February
- Internet Safety Day – Tuesday 6th February.
- Parent Teacher interviews will run over two weeks beginning Monday 29th January.
- Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th January School photographer
- Health and Wellbeing Week 5th – 11th February ‘My voice Matters’
- Half Term holiday Monday 12th – Friday 16th February.
- School Closed for St. Patrick’s Day Monday 18th March.
- Wednesday 27th March, School closes Half Day for Easter Holidays.
- Monday 8th April, Term 3 commences.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. C Thompson
Principal

Pupils in Year 5 – Year 7

Please complete the form below, detach and return along with payment, thank you.

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Consent and payment After school's coaching session 3 – 4pm with R Snodgrass

Tues 16th Jan – Tues 27th February (6 weeks)

Pupil's name _____

Pupil's class _____

Payment of £12 enclosed Yes/No *

Parent Signature _____

Date _____

Please ensure your child is collected promptly and arrangements are clearly set out below for home time, thank you.

At 4pm, my child will:

- Walk home Yes/No
- Be collected by a parent Yes/No

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