

## Education Authority Western Region



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6<sup>th</sup>, February 2023

**Principal Mrs. C Thompson**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

- Thank you for your contributions to our '**Slip into Slippers**' Day. We raised a grand total of £260 and this will be presented to the charity this week.
- **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February is our annual Health and Well Being week** for our pupils and staff. There is a busy week planned and we look forward to rolling this out in our school.
- **Safer Internet Day 2023** is being coordinated in the UK by the **UK Safer Internet Centre** and taking place on the **7 February 2023** with the theme 'Want to talk about it?'. Please also find a leaflet sent home today informing you of the Safer Schools NI App. Please continue to reinforce these messages and guidance for online usage at home
- The PTFA has organised our Half Term disco for the children on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February**. The classes will have their disco in the Assembly Hall in various sessions from 9.15am – 2.45pm. Children may come to school in non-uniform for the day. Admission is £1 and this includes crisps and juice (Capri Sun).
- The cook will be having a special fun dinner on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February**. Dinner will cost £2.60 that day. Children on free meals will continue to get the meal free.
- Please remember that the school will be closed for half term from **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February**.
- **Half day strike** action will potentially cause disruption to school on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February.
- **Year 7** Post Primary transfer application window **1<sup>st</sup> February – 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023**
- As we have a number of children and adults in school who have egg, nut and kiwi fruit allergies parents are requested to ensure that **no egg, nut or kiwi fruit products** come to school for break or lunch.
- **World Book Day** is on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. On this day we would like to encourage the children to come to school dressed as one of their favourite characters from a book

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with the overarching aim of seeking to encourage our children to pick up a book and read for enjoyment.

- **World Maths Day** is on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March.
- **SEAG** Year 6 parent information meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> March.
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March, **Mother and Grandmother's Breakfast** in the school canteen. Details to follow.
- The annual **School photographer** will be in school on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March and Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023. Details to follow.
- **Paired Reading continues in P4 and P6.** Well done to all pupils and families for their continued participation and efforts in this worthwhile programme.
- **PIN** We look forward to launching our newly revamped **PIN** Parental involvement in Numeracy programme to all pupils in P5, P6 & P7 on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February for 6 weeks. Look out for our school in the Times Tables Rock Stars leadership board!

### **School Car park – Health and Safety**

Can I remind you to follow these simple but effective guidelines when using the school car park:

When the car park has spaces available to use, please occupy these spaces first before finding somewhere else to stop your car.

As we only have one entrance in, and one entrance out, the flow of cars moving around the car park is extremely important. To this end, PLEASE DO NOT stop your car on the roadway thus blocking the flow of traffic. This impacts all drivers and ultimately the collection of pupils.

EA is well aware of the difficulties we are faced with in regard to our school car park and this is being examined. Please be mindful of your fellow drivers especially as the road works are impacting the free flow of traffic outside the school gates. Thank you for your co-operation.

### **Outline of Dates**

- 7<sup>th</sup> February Safer Internet day
- 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> February Half Term Break
- 1<sup>st</sup> February – 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023 Year 7 application for post-primary
- 21<sup>st</sup> February potential half day strike
- 2<sup>nd</sup> March World Book Day
- 8<sup>th</sup> March World Maths Day
- 15<sup>th</sup> March Year 6 parent information meeting on the SEAG test
- 16<sup>th</sup> March Mother's and Grandmother's breakfast in the canteen
- 17<sup>th</sup> March School closed for St Patrick's Day
- 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> March School Photographer
- 5<sup>th</sup> April School closes half day for Easter

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. C Thompson

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