

Weekly Newsletter (18)

2nd February 2018

Dear Parents,

Thank you so much to those who braved the elements on Wednesday night for our parents' meeting. We had an informative evening with Mr Paddy Mackey giving updates from the governors. Compared to last June we now have 15 governors in place and are meeting on a monthly basis. We have established sub committees for safeguarding, staffing, finance and curriculum. Mrs Maggi Clifford gave an overview of school assessment and performance. I talked about the school development plan and the post inspection action plan. In terms of the Literacy action plan we are concentrating on reading and comprehension. We have established our writer of the month awards and are looking at the progression of writing skills. In Numeracy we have devised a new number grid for each term and are looking at the progression skills in number. Also we have uploaded a number of videos that the children have made giving instructions for numeracy operations.

My thanks to all parents who came in for the transfer interviews. It was great to meet and talk to you all.

I am away next week, Mr Baldrick and Mrs McCormick will be in charge in my absence.

Yours sincerely

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Acting Principal

Pupil of the Week

The children who were given pupil of the week certificates on Monday of last week were as follows:-

P1 - Pippa McLaughlin

P2 - Zach Loughlin

P3 - Poppy Culbert

P4 - Madison-Leigh McGinty

P5 - Dylan Rankin

P6 - Jamie Dalzell

P7 - Millie McClelland-Barr

Congratulations

To all the pupils who have had 25 and 50 stamps on their positive behaviour card. I am always delighted to hand out Headteacher Awards to all of you.

Holidays and Staff training days

We had to identify two more staff development days and have agreed that they will be Monday 19th February and Friday 16th March. The holidays for the children this term are:-

15th, 16th and 19th February

16th and 19th March

Term 2 finishes at 12 noon 23rd March. Term 3 begins on Monday 9th April at 8.55 am

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New Developments

We have received approval for our Shared Education plan with St Columba's PS. This will mean that there will be contact with all classes in both schools. The P1s and P2s will be focusing on Numeracy with new equipment called Numicon. The P3s, P4s and P5s will be focusing on reading and associated activities. The P6s and P7s will be focusing on problem solving in Numeracy with equipment called the Izacs 9 cubes.

This is a great opportunity not only to share contact between the two schools but also to receive new equipment and training.

Nursery

We have had great news from the Education Authority for the Nursery. We are going to get new play equipment to replace the old slide and climbing frame. This will hopefully in place by the summer term.

Non- Smoking School

May I just remind everyone that this is a non-smoking building and grounds.

Crepes and Craft

This event is for children aged 5-12 years of age. Some themes about Lent will be explored through craft activities. This will take place on **Saturday 10th February 2018 from 6.30-7.45 in Newbuildings Church of Ireland Centre**. All children should be accompanied by an adult.