

ENNISKILLEN MODEL PRIMARY SCHOOL

24th June 2024

Dear Parent

As we reach the end of yet another school year, you may find the following information of interest.

Many recent events have gone very well – for example, various residential and day trips, D-Day 80 Commemorations and Sports Day.

The support of this year's sponsors for Sports Day was very welcome – thank you to:

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THE SCHOOL ALSO RECEIVED ANOTHER GENEROUS DONATION FROM A FAMILY WHO WANTED TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS.

The NSPCC collection at this year's Sports Day was a new venture and helped raise £570 for the charity – thank you for contributing.

The P.T.A. helped at this event and the members are to be thanked for all their ventures during the year, helping to raise funds as well as profiling many events for the betterment of staff, parents and pupils.

Well done to the Primary 7 children and staff who have worked very hard for their **Leavers' Assembly** last week. They performed their version of 'ALADDIN TROUBLE' very competently and it was a pleasure to observe such talent. I would like to wish all the P7 pupils (and some other children in the school who are leaving) all the very best in their new schools come September.

A school Orchestra and Choir have also performed on several occasions this year – again, they did very well and it was lovely to see such talent being developed by the staff and peripatetic tutors.

SUMMER SCHOOL CLUB:

As previously mentioned, there are twelve school organised club days, starting on Monday, 1st of July – 8.30a.m. to 3.00p.m. **Slots can be booked by telephoning the office before the end of this week – there is plenty of capacity.** This club is in addition to Star Camp and Multi Sports clubs which run on other weeks in July and August.

Term Ending: School closes on Friday of this week (28th) at **12.00 (P1, P2 and P3) and 12.15 (P4, P5, P6 and P7)** and will not re-open again to pupils until **Thursday, 29th August.** It is easier for Helen/teachers if the designated time is adhered to and avoids the relaying of messages to change leaving times on the last day of term. Please do not rely on buses running on Friday (pm), no lunch is required and after school club is not operating that afternoon.

The last two days of term (Thursday and Friday) are designated non-uniform days – a venture our Rota kids wanted to organise in support of their charity, N. Ireland Cancer Fund for Children. Details will be relayed via the class teachers.

Your help by ensuring that children remove all belongings from school on Friday will be appreciated. Children will be asked to check items in lost property before the end of term – items not claimed will be put in the clothing bank at the beginning of July. Similarly, all borrowed library and textbooks need to be returned before the end of term. A stock take is currently being undertaken. The school will be open for most of July and August should you need to return something.

The home times for children will remain the same next school year – P1 (2.15p.m.), P2 & P3 (2.45p.m.) and P4 to P7 (3.15p.m.) Our after-school care club will operate as normal from August 29th and after school activities will start later in September.

Reminder: School Uniform Sales: Several of the local shops will sell some of/all the personalised items that are required (sweatshirts etc.)

IF YOU HAVE ANY UNWANTED SCHOOL UNIFORM (IN GOOD CONDITION) YOU ARE WELCOME TO LEAVE ALL WITH US - WE INTEND TO HAVE A SALE FOR OTHER PARENTS TO PURCHASE ITEMS ON THE AFTERNOON OF AUGUST 23rd (2.00p.m.) YOU CAN ALSO ENQUIRE AT THE OFFICE IN EARLY JULY.

Please find some information below regarding our **Uniform policy** – this policy is well received with high standards being maintained throughout the year. Thank you for your co-operation and hopefully the information will help parents when preparing for the new school year. PLEASE ENSURE THAT EVERYTHING HAS BEEN LABELLED.

BLACK SHOES ARE TO BE WORN.

SANDALS (WHITE, BLACK, BROWN, NAVY BLUE) MAY BE WORN WITH THE SUMMER DRESSES/ SHORTS.

BOOTS ARE NOT PART OF OUR UNIFORM.

GIRLS SHOULD WEAR WHITE SOCKS OR GREY TIGHTS – SHORT OR LONG (I PREFER WHITE SOCKS TO GREY).

GIRLS SHOULD ONLY WEAR HAIR BANDS THAT ARE SMALL AND SUITABLY COLOURED TO BLEND IN WITH OUR UNIFORM.

FOR SAFETY REASONS JEWELLERY IS NOT CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE (SMALL STUD TYPE EARRINGS ARE ACCEPTABLE).

A MODEL SCHOOL P.E. KIT (P3 AND UP) IS ALSO COMPULSORY AND SHOULD BE WORN TO SCHOOL ON DESIGNATED P.E. DAYS.

HAIR SHOULD BE KEPT NEAT AND TIDY WITH ALTERNATIVE STYLES BEING AVOIDED INCLUDING SHAVED LINES AND BRAIDS, FOR EXAMPLE (BOYS AND GIRLS)

School Reports: Reports are being sent home today. I have enjoyed reading through all of them and thank the teachers for their efforts.

PTE (Literacy) and PTM (Numeracy) standardised scores (P3 and up) are also being forwarded. These results provide a snapshot of how your child performed on each day of testing and the teachers have taken notes if they feel they are not overly reflective for a child. **Likewise, we strive not to ‘teach to the test’ in this school and therefore results are not inflated (unrealistic) as can (potentially) be the practice in other schools.** The average cut off (85 to 90) should be a good benchmark.

Details about arrangements for next year have been included on the report and accompanying year group letter. **Inevitably, circumstances can change and, if so, you will be notified over the summer.** Children will be spending some time with their new teacher (and in their new classroom) on Wednesday of this week.

As always, the senior leadership team, teaching and non-teaching staff in school have been very dedicated and co-operative and I would like to thank them for their support throughout the year. All have remained very positive and professional. Some recent/pending staff changes will be shared in August.

REGISTERING OF CHILDREN DUE TO START SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2025 OR LATER

The school keeps a computer database which records names/addresses/dates of birth of children who are due to begin primary one in the next few years – 2025 on. If you have not registered your child to date, you can do so by telephoning the school or by sending the relevant information to the office. Keeping this record means that all subsequent correspondence from us will automatically be forwarded to parents. Children who are due to start Primary One in September 2025 will need to have turned four on or before the 1st of July 2025.

The Clothing Bank adjacent to the school (just off the Castlecoole Road) has been well utilised again this year. 20% of the income generated will be donated to the N. Ireland Cancer Fund for Children.

Please find details below (and enclosed) highlighting a few suggestions about activities that may keep the children from becoming bored over the holiday.

EDUCATION CITY



Bug Club online reading books are available to pupils in Primary One to Primary Seven during all of July and August. Pupils have their usernames and passwords to log in. There are plenty of titles to keep your child reading over the summer.

Visiting the Town Library is also a great thing to do – see attached programme of activities. The staff in Enniskillen's Library have been very supportive of school this year and extremely proactive in wanting to enhance pupils' literacy skills – still key despite the advancement of technology.

To keep children reading over the summer will be a tremendous help.

Keep an eye on our website for updates. Mrs Hurst has done an excellent job during the year by keeping the website as up to date as possible – thank you. Likewise, Google Classrooms are being kept active and it is planned to use these again come the new school year – your child's new teacher will take over ownership of the relevant class Google Classroom in late August. The school's Facebook pages also help to reiterate important information.

Thank you for your on-going support. Have an enjoyable and safe summer break. A survey about the service we provide may filter your way – if so, thank you for completing so that we can strive to improve.

Yours sincerely

W. Glass
Principal