

ENNISKILLEN MODEL PRIMARY SCHOOL

April 2025

Dear Parent

At this stage, no doubt all are looking forward to the Easter break. It has been a long term.

Thank you for your support of everything since our return in January. A lot was organised and helped by ongoing/strong parental, staff and pupil input. Despite Industrial Action in recent weeks, my staff have worked well together to deliver a near normal service/engage in development work – thank you.

1. The school had many individuals who achieved much success in various categories of Fermanagh Feis – choral, verse speaking, art etc. There were many entries representing this school from P1 to P7. The children were well prepared by Mrs West and Mrs Johnston (Co-ordinators) and parents had a huge input – thank you. Our school choir reached a particularly high standard again this year (and will be performing in school for their parents at 2.40p.m. on April 1st).
2. The Fermanagh and County Show was also supported and again, many entries from this school featured in each of the categories. It is hoped that all the prize winners will be acknowledged in August as well as having their work displayed for family/visitors to view.
3. The P.T.A. '**Easter Chocolate Bingo**' is generating interest. Thank you for the support of this new/different venture – see poster for details.
4. Of late, the P.T.A. have handed over some £12,000 to the school to help boost school funds during a bleak financial period. Approximately £6,000 of this was generated via the recent Sponsored Slide – thank you for the generosity from parents. This figure excludes what will come via gift aid – still to be calculated.
5. Regular P.T.A. donations like this enable us, for example, to replace reading and mathematics core material, purchase key assessment resources, fund swimming lessons in full, employ specialist coaches for P.E., subsidise many educational trips and offer some after school activities for free. The mounting cost of things in a school of this size and type is always increasing and yet funding from the Department of Education is, year-on-year, being scaled back. The forecast for next year shows no improvement.

Other P.T.A. events to come:-

Summer Fun Night - Tuesday, 24th June.

The P.T.A. will also be kindly supporting Sports Day – Friday, May 30th (dv).

The school endeavours to maintain exacting standards regarding **uniform and appearance**. This policy is exceptionally well supported by parents of children who attend this school. In term 3, I am keen that standards are maintained – uniform, black shoes, jewellery, no nail varnish etc. Appearance includes hair styles. **For safety reasons we prefer children to wear stud type earrings only (not hoops)**. I am not interested in what might be acceptable in other schools – inevitably all schools vary in their policy/implementation of policy. The wearing of P.E. gear on designated P.E. days is allowed but given the warmer weather in term 3, we are reverting to just P.E. kits (there is no need to wear leggings under shorts).

Likewise, term 3 can sometimes see a slippage in homework completion. Thank you for monitoring all carefully.

Thank you also for being mindful of your child's engagement with social media. Issues can filter into school if children are given access to sites that are not age appropriate and when messaging becomes 'too free' and unchecked.

Key dates for term 3 (some are tentative at this stage). To help you plan:

APRIL 2025

All after school activities have ended for this term (2) bar Ju-jitsu on Thursdays – this will run on April 3rd and 10th.

Friday	11th	End of term (no earlier closure)
Monday	28th	New term begins After school activities start – 4 weeks in total
Tuesday	29th	P7 Photographs being taken – end of primary school memories

MAY 2025

Preparing for Adolescent talks to take place between 1st and 9th May (P6 and P7)

Friday	2nd	Football tournament
Monday	5th	Bank Holiday – school closed
Tuesday	6th	P7 Chester/Manchester school trip meeting for parents and children (7.00p.m.)
Friday	9th	West Midlands Children's Theatre visiting – <i>Pinocchio</i>
Saturday	10th	P7 Post Primary place notifications
Friday	16th	Tournaments Day (P4 and up) – House colours to be worn 'Come and Learn through Play' afternoon at 2.30p.m. (open to pre-school children)
Monday	19th	School Trip week (P7)
Monday	26th	Bank Holiday – school closed
Tuesday	27th	SDD – school closed for pupils
Wednesday	28th	Health and Fitness week (several events are planned)

Friday 30th Sports Day (a day next week if wet?)

JUNE 2025

'F&ODC' Cross Country – selected P4 and up. This event will take place on a day during the first week in June (tbc)

Tuesday 3rd Fivemiletown College tournament – P5
Wednesday 4th P6 Magilligan trip meeting for parents and children (7.00p.m.)
Tuesday 10th Outdoor Play morning – P1 class
Wednesday 9th Outdoor Play morning – P1 class
Thursday 12th Outdoor Play morning – P2 class
New P1 Induction evening (parents) – 7.00p.m.
Friday 13th Outdoor Play morning – P2 class
Rugby Tournament (Celtic park - morning)
New P1 Induction afternoon (2.30p.m.)
Tuesday 17th P7 Leavers' Dress rehearsal (1) - morning
Wednesday 18th P7 Leavers' Dress rehearsal (2) - morning
P6 Magilligan trip
Thursday 19th P7 Leavers' Assembly main performance (6.30p.m.)
P6 Magilligan trip
Friday 20th New P1 Induction afternoon (2.30p.m.)
P6 Magilligan trip
Monday 23rd Reports (& assessment outcomes for P3 to P7 pupils) to be sent home
P6 summer packs to go home
Tuesday 24th P.T.A. Fun Night
Thursday 26th Tom Sweeney Concerts
Friday 27th End of term (12.00/12.15)

SUMMER SCHOOL programme (reminder below).

In addition to the school organised clubs, Starcamp will be operating a one-week club later in July and Ross (Multi-Sports) will be offering a further three weeks in late July/August- relayed separately. A flyer with booking details will be forwarded in term 3. You can also email the staff in charge to register interest:

Janice Murray (jmurray515@c2ken.net) or Joanne Little (jlittle835@c2ken.net)

1. Week beginning Monday, 30th June (5 days) – SCHOOL ORGANISED CLUB (all ages)
2. Week beginning Monday, 7th July (5 days) – SCHOOL ORGANISED CLUB (all ages)
3. Week beginning Monday, 14th July (5 days) – NO CLUBS OPERATING
4. Week beginning Monday, 21st July (5 days) – STAR CAMP (Community Club)
5. Week beginning Monday, 28th July (5 days) – ROSS, MULTI-SPORTS CLUB
6. Week beginning Monday, 4th August (5 days) – NO CLUBS OPERATING
7. Week beginning Monday, 11th August (5 days) – ROSS, MULTI-SPORTS CLUB
8. Week beginning Monday, 18th August (5 days) – ROSS, MULTI-SPORTS CLUB

SCHOOL WILL RE-OPEN ON **THURSDAY, 28th AUGUST 2025**. This will mean a two-day week for the children which is deemed better than returning after an exceedingly long break. The **2025/2026 holiday list** can be found on the school's website/App.

Other events being planned for the children will be relayed at the proper time when dates have been finalised (often via the class teacher). All year group teachers are sending home information leaflets (April 28th) to inform parents about what is planned for the term – curriculum, events etc. Hopefully, these leaflets will be of interest and will give more detail in relation to some of the dates listed in this correspondence.

School should be informed of a pending absence and guidance will be given on activities that can be undertaken during the approved leave – extra reading, keeping a diary etc. During a period of absence, the curriculum for the rest of the children must continue and as you can appreciate frequent or long absences can distort a pupil's learning. Please note – the school App also allows you to notify the school about an absence (select Useful Docs/Forms).

Likewise, thank you for ensuring your child arrives punctually to school by 9.00a.m. The initial part of the school day is key for pupils and staff.

The After School Homework Clubs will continue and remain open until 5.30 p.m. every day.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES (SUMMER TERM 2025)

Week beginning Monday, 28th April and ending in late May. Menu to follow before the Easter holiday.

WATCH OUT FOR HEAD LICE THIS TERM – IF DETECTED, TREAT AND INFORM THE SCHOOL IMMEDIATELY

PLEASE TELEPHONE THE OFFICE IF YOU HAVE CHILDREN DUE TO START SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2026. AN INTAKE DATABASE IS KEPT AND UPDATED FROM TIME TO TIME.

Should you require clarification on these or other points, please do not hesitate in contacting me. Thank you for your continued support of the school amidst many pressures in/out of school.

Yours sincerely

W. Glass

Please use our website – www.enniskillenmodel.enniskillen.ni.sch.uk The site is updated periodically and hopefully will prove to be of interest. The school App has a link to the website.