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A Note From Mrs Hay

Dear Parent,

I have now returned to school after my maternity leave and cannot believe baby Robert is now a year old! I will be in school Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday if you need to see me about anything.

March sees the start of spring and hopefully some nice weather and more outdoor fun for the kids.

Please take the time to read this newsletter as there are a few changes and lots of important information for you and your children.

Kind regards,
G Hay

Diary Dates

4th: Mrs Devine's last day; Mrs Timoney returns

Pupil of the Month Assembly

5th: Pancake Tuesday (yum!)

P4/5 Shared Education programme continues

6th: SU resumes

Alley Theatre trip for P3-5

7th: P4/5 Shared Education programme continues

8th: Rev Stockitt Assembly

13th: P1-3 Shared Play with St Patrick's PS continues

15th: Mrs Timoney cuts her hair for the Princess Trust

Non-uniform day

18th: School Closed

19th: Staff training, school closed to children

29th: Pupil of the Month Assembly

Mrs Devine and Mrs Timoney

We would like to take this opportunity to say a massive THANK YOU to Mrs Devine for all of her hard work during Mrs Timoney's maternity leave. We wish you every success for the future.

We would also like to welcome back Mrs Timoney!

MOMO

Please find attached to this newsletter some guidance on a recent issue on social media. This guidance has been provided by our PATHS facilitator at Barnardos.

Fundraising

During the new financial year which begins on 1st April we would like to raise £3000 to purchase 5 laptops for the senior classroom. If anyone would like to organise a fund raising event please contact Mrs Hay to discuss. All ideas and help would be greatly appreciated.

After School Payments

From 1st April **all payments** for after school clubs must be sent to the school office **with the booking form** for the month ahead. Any forms sent to the school office without payment will be returned and bookings will not be made. If personal circumstances make this difficult to manage please come and speak to Mrs

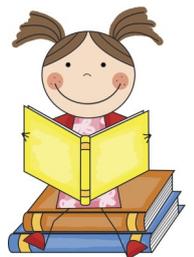
Hay with regards to this. All sessions booked must be paid for regardless of attendance.

SU

Scripture Union resumes on Wednesday 6th March, 3-4pm. If your child attended in Term 1 we will assume they are attending again this term. If this is not the case please let us know. If your child did not participate in Term 1 but would like to join in please contact the school office for a permission slip to attend. There is no cost for this club however children in P1 and P2 who would like to attend do need to pay for Busy Bees from 2-3pm.

AR books

As you may have seen on our school Facebook page we were missing 615 books from our AR collection. We have had 72 returned which is great but would very much like to get more of our books back so the children can enjoy more reading. Please take some time to have a look around at home and return any books belonging to school you find. AR books are labelled with a blue label on the top of the spine which may make them easier to spot. Please also ask friends or family with past pupils of our school to have a look at home and return any books they may have.



The London Marathon

Mrs Stacey Snodgrass is participating in the London Marathon in April in aid of the Foyle Hospice. We wish her every success with this epic venture and would like to contribute to her fundraising efforts and so will be having a non-uniform day on 15th March. Please contribute £1 per child or a donation of your choice on this day.



Alley Theatre Trip

The children will be going to see An original story to celebrate 'Book Week'. Stor and Ri are the Story Keepers, those who look after the hundreds of tales that exist in the world. But as less and less books are being read, Stor and Ri begin to forget the endings. What's worse, the nasty Book-ler lurks, stealing away happy stories and giving them rotten endings. The children will have to see if Stor and Ri save the tales before it's too late?

This event is free for the children to attend and school will be paying for the transport. Happy Book Week :-)

PSNI

You may have noticed the PSNI have been monitoring the speed of vehicles outside school and they will also be watching parking at pick up time. This is in an effort to help with our application to the Education Authority for additional safe parking for families at school. We have a previous agreement with Rev Stockitt to use the church car park so if you don't have younger children in the

car or your children are a little older and could walk to the church car park we would appreciate you using this as your pick up point.

Transfer

Parents of Primary 6 pupils may be starting to think about the transfer process and AQE. We will be holding an information meeting during March. More information will follow when Mrs Timoney returns from maternity leave.

The Queen's Birthday Honours

The application process to nominate candidates for the June 2019 Queen's Birthday Honours is now open for public nominations. Honours are given to people from all walks of life and across every section of society who have made a difference to their community.

The Honours committees look for someone who has made a real difference in their field of work or community. If there is someone in the education sector that has made a valuable contribution who you wish to nominate for an Honour, please visit the NI Direct website at the following link to find out more about the nomination process - <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/honours>

Questionnaires

As you may have noticed on our school website we have sent home parent questionnaires. Please fill these in and return them as soon as possible. If you are happy to add your name to the bottom of your completed questionnaire you will be in with a chance of winning a hamper!

Learning for the Month

P1/2:

Lit: Jolly phonics ue, er, ar/
Linguistic Phonics, Keywords/Story writing

Num: Addition/Subtraction, measures, problem solving
WAU: Once Upon a Time
ICT: Mouse control, typing

P3:

Lit: adding 'ing', instructions, comprehension

Num: money—change from 50p/£1, decomposition, time, graphs
ICT: RM starting graphs, money games

WAU: Space

P4/5:

Lit: Procedure writing, Novel Study 'The Perfect Hamburger'

Num: Division, Time, Degrees of turns of angles

WAU: Back to the Future)Energy Sources)

ICT: Black Cat Logo, Roamer, Beebot and Probot

P5/6:

Lit: Poetry, their/they're/ there, Comprehension , apostrophes, it's/ its.

Num: Handling Data, Mean , median , mode and range, Problem solving and Fractions.

ICT: Spreadsheets and Logo.

WAU: The Unsinkable Titanic

P6/7:

Lit: Poetry writing, it's and its, media and moving image text

Num: Data handling, decimals and problem solving

ICT: spreadsheets and graphs

WAU: Inventions and Ingenuity