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## A Note From Mrs Hay

### Dear Parent,

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Timoney has been appointed to Acting Senior Teacher while Mrs Young is on Maternity Leave. If you have anything you would like to discuss when I am not here please speak with Mrs Timoney.

Class structures for 2019/2020 will be finalised by the end of the month and parents notified in due course.

This month also sees the completion of standardised tests. Your children from P3-P7 will sit a number of tests including English and Maths and you will receive a copy of their results with their school report in June.

Kind regards,  
G Hay

### Diary Dates

2nd: School Closed—local elections  
8th: Mrs Timoney's class go to W5 Belfast  
9th: Rev Stockitt Assembly  
10th: P1 2019 placement letters received by parents  
16th: CEF Assembly  
21st: Shared Education Showcase @ 7pm  
29th: Young Enterprise Programme begins  
30th: Brides Through the Years rehearsal @ 7pm  
31st: P1-P3 Shared Education trip to the Playpark

### P1 Placement Letters

Parents should receive their letter informing them of what school their child has received a place in for 2019/2020 on 10th May.

### Shared Education Showcase

This year's Shared Education Showcase will take place in Aughabrack hall on 21st May. Refreshments and viewing of children's work will be available from 7-7.30pm. We ask for all children to be seated with their teachers by 7.25pm for a 7.30pm sharp start. Each year group will perform a song and there will be a few short speeches and some dancing too. We hope the event will be as well supported as last year and that you will enjoy the opportunity to see all the wonderful work and opportunities your child has had during this year's programme.

### Brides Through The Years

Calling all models! We will be rehearsing at 7pm on Thursday 30th May. Please arrive at the hall for 7pm with your dress or leave your dress with us for 7pm. Thank you and see you all then!

### Home Connect

A little reminder that parents can log on to Accelerated Reading Home Connect to check on their child's quizzing progress. Simply log on using child's password details.

### 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. Our Easter Raffle raised an impressive £380 and we are well underway in planning our BIG Brides through the Years Event. Don't forget to get in touch if you can help by modelling, serving tea, providing tray bakes or sandwiches or donating raffle prizes. Thank you!

### AR books

We are still missing around 500 books. Can you please keep looking at home and if you find some place them in Alex's box which is situated in the library. Thank you!

### The London Marathon

We are very pleased to announce that we were able to pass on £113 to **Stacey Snodgrass** for her fundraising for Foyle Hospice. Thank you to all our families for your kind donations and a huge **congratulations** on completing the race Stacey! You are an inspiration to us all!

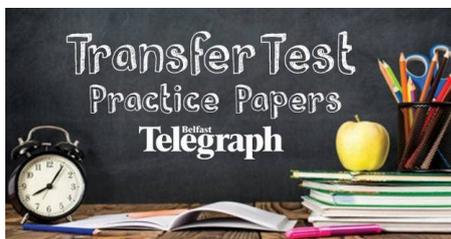
### Easter Egg Competition

Congratulations to Carla in P1, Darci in P2, Alfie McD in P3, Leah in P4, Naomi in P5, Lily in P6 and Summer in P7 for winning the egg competition. It was very egg-citing and the

there was some egg-cellent egg creations. Well done everyone!

### Hair-Raising

A huge thank-you to all who donated money towards Mrs Timoney and Brooke Heywoods's big hair cut. All 27 inches of hair was donated to the Princess Trust and a huge £300 was raised for Air Ambulance Northern Ireland.



### AQE

If your child is considering partaking in the AQE in November it may interest you to know that the Belfast Telegraph will be attaching a free AQE style practice paper and GL style practice paper to help your child prepare for exams. These will be on sale everyday from Monday 29th April—Saturday 4th May. This is a great chance to save some papers if you think that you would like your child to partake in the AQE in future years.

### Air Ambulance Northern Ireland



We had a wonderful assembly showing us the importance of Air Ambulance Northern Ireland and how important it is, especially in our area. Once again, thank you to all who sent in money for this great cause!

### St James's Family Fun Day

Saturday 1st June sees the 80th Anniversary of the Mothers' Un-

ion and a Family Fun Day at St James's. Our very own 'Strabane's Strongest Man' (Mr Potts!) will be opening the event. There will be vintage tractors, a burger stall and much more so come along and enjoy a wonderful day of fun!!

### Learning for the Month

P1/2:

Lit: Jolly Phonics revision of all sounds and keywords, Independent writing

Num: Number bonds, addition & subtraction, Measures- capacity and Data handling

WAU: Once Upon a time

ICT: Microsoft word- typing

skills, Beebot, Mental Maths

P3:

Lit: Revision of basic punctuation, self editing skills and longer passage comprehension.

Num: Weight and capacity, x2,5,10 problems, directions and symmetry.

ICT: Bee Bots, mental maths

WAU: Space

P4/5:

Lit: The Perfect Hamburger, Grammar Revision.

Num: Measures, Decimal Fractions.

WAU: Electric Circuits!!

ICT: RM Starting Graph/

Number Box 2 /Publisher to create graphs to explain electricity usage in school.

P5/6:

Lit: Proofreading and Editing, Character descriptions, possessive apostrophe.

Num: Shape, Space, Measure and Decimals

ICT: Logo and Scratch

WAU: Unsinkable (Focus on Science)

P6/7:

Lit: Comprehension, PTE, playscripts, homophones, a/an and past tense.



### Teachers corner

Every month a teacher will add some interesting websites and iPad apps that you can use at home with your children. This month it is Mrs Timoney who will be sharing some of her ICT 'go to' websites and apps.

### Literacy

**[www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk)**

This has got games for p1-p7 children in both literacy and numeracy.

### Numeracy

**[www.wildps.com/gordons/](http://www.wildps.com/gordons/)**

This website has numeracy games and activities for children in P1-P7. It covers all topics and children love all of the activities!

### **Hit The Button App**

Children can practice their number bonds and times tables. Each time they can try and beat their previous score. This will help secure their knowledge and improve their speed and accuracy.

### Other

**[www.learninggamesforkids.com/](http://www.learninggamesforkids.com/)**

This website has got a variety of educational games, One that I often use is the 'keyboarding games, test n teach'. This will give your child a word and your child will have to type the correct spelling in the blank box provided. Awesome spelling practice!