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DATES FOR DIARY

4th October: SU starts 18th October: P4 recorder club starts 31st Oct - 4th Nov: holiday 14th November: School Photographer Shoe Box Appeal Shoeboxes to be in school - information leaflet attached



HOLIDAY SHEET ERROR

School finishes for Christmas at 12noon on Wednesday 21st December, not Friday 21st as listed. Apologies for this mistake.

PLEASE WAIT AT THE GATE

As mentioned in the September letter, when collecting children at 3pm, please wait at the pedestrian gate and not in the playground. Our teachers use our outside space regularly and at all times of the day for lessons including PE which can present a health and safety issue for parents and young children in the playground. The teachers really appreciate you adhering to this request—thank you.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

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Parents are reminded that ALL items of school uniform should be clearly labelled with the child's name. Black school shoes should be worn at all times unless on P.E days. Please send a coat with a hood if your child is in P.1 or P.2 as they will be going outside for Play Based Learning regardless of weather!

A number of parents have informed us of difficulties they had with Reach, the online uniform provider, again this year. We have given this company a number of opportunities to improve the service they provide and this has not happened, therefore I am currently in discussions with Select Kidz, Londonderry, to provide uniforms. Further information will follow as soon as uniforms are available from another source.

EXCITING EVENT!!!!!

We are very excited to announce that we will be having an outdoor cinema event at school on Monday 24th October! We will be showing Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Road Chip! Gates will open at 6pm and the show will start at 6.30pm. We will be selling hot chocolate, burgers and will also have a tuck shop. Wrap up warmly, bring a blanket to sit on and join in the fun. There is no ticket charge for this event but we do ask for a donation at the gate for admission. We suggest a donation of \pounds 4 to help cover the costs of running this event. This event is open to all Primary School aged children and all adults. Why not bring along cousins, grandparents, aunties and uncles and enjoy the fun!

We are currently selling advertising space on the big screen before the movie begins - just like the trailers at the cinema! If any local companies would like to purchase advertising space please contact Mrs Hay on ghay546@c2kni.net or 02871398633.

<u>Facebook</u>

We have a school Facebook page which is updated often. If you do not use Facebook you can see these posts on the homepage of our website. Please have a look at it regularly and when you receive a text message which says to check out Facebook.

NAUGHTY BREAK

Children are allowed to have a treat item for break on the last Friday of each month. This must be a small / individual treat item. Please do not allow children to bring share bags for this break.



PUPIL OF THE MONTH

HUGE CONGRATU-LATIONS to our first pupil of the

month in each class this academic year. Well done:

- Riley in Miss Sayer's class
- Harry Rob in Miss Nutt's class
- * Ryan in Miss Connor's class
- * Brooke in Mrs Long's class
- * David in Mr Potts' class

HEADLICE

Headlice is an issue which affects all schools at some point in time. Please check your child's hair regularly, seek advice from your local pharmacist and use lotion and comb out eggs if necessary. A protective spray can also be used in children's hair. Please ensure long hair is tied back in a bun or in plaits when we have a case of headlice in school. Please also notify your child's teacher if your child has headlice at any point during the school year.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Our HUGE range of after school clubs continues this month with: Hockey for Key Stage 2 Eco-Club for our eco-committee SU for all children Recorder Club for P4 starting on 18th Jo Jingles for P1 ending on 13th Badminton for P3 and P4

Badminton for P3 and P4 Football for all children P7 Booster Club Busy Bees for P1 and P2 Homework Club for all children Late Club for all children

Thinking about Christmas Shopping?? Why not book your children into Late Club and have a shopping afternoon all to yourself!

GUIDANCE ON INFECTION



Please note the following periods of time when children should be kept away from school as recommended by the Public Health Agency Chickenpox: 5 days from the onset of rash Diarrhoea and/or vomiting: 48 hours from the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting Flu: until recovered

MEDICATION IN SCHOOL

Now that it is a new month please come and check the supply and expiry dates of any medication your

child has at school, for example inhalers. Thank you.



For those parents who are not already aware, please note pets are not allowed on the school grounds at any time. Any dogs must be kept at the school gate and not brought through the playground. Thank you



PS This Friday is burger and chips for lunch!

LEARNING THIS MONTH!

<u>P1</u>

Literacy: Sound and letter formation of S A T I P N. Numeracy: Numbers 1-5 Topic: 'Helping Hands'- People who help us at home, school and in the community.

ICT: Recognise the parts of the computer and independently log on and off the computer.

<u>P2</u>

Literacy: Sound and letter formation of mocfrudhgkb, 2nd 100 Keywords, sentence construction Numeracy: Counting number forwards/backwards within 20 WAU: Helping Hands'- People who help us at home, school and in the community.

ICT: Independent logging on/off **P3**

Literacy: adjectives, comprehension, capital letters, fullstops, question marks, interviews.

Numeracy: place value, odd and even numbers, addition, 3d and 2d shape.

ICT: Accelerated Reading quizzes and changing font, colour and size of text on Word

WAU: Bright Sparks—electricity and The Great Fire of London. **P4/5**

Literacy: Adjectives, similes, Poetry and comprehension.

Numeracy: Addition of 2 and 3 digit numbers, number bonds to 100, place value and 2D and 3D shape.

ICT: Accelerated Reading quizzes and Word Processing, numeracy Games (Education City). WAU: Passport to the World

<u>P6/7</u>

Literacy–: Letter writing (Informal and Formal), nouns and adjectives. Numeracy: Mental strategies for addition and subtraction, written addition, decomposition, time and problem solving.

ICT– Word processing and poster Design.

