



Thursday 24th June, 2021

Dear parents/ guardians,

I have outlined some important information about events and issues over the next few days and for the start of the new term below.

We are approaching the end of another academic year, one that has been truly unique. This was the second school year impacted by the on-going pandemic, though the first in which that backdrop was a constant throughout the entirety of the academic year.

As school principal I have been very proud of how the staff and entire school community have responded to the many and varied challenges presented by the unprecedented context within which we continue to operate.

Our children and staff will soon complete this school year and are looking forward to a much needed and deserved summer break.

I want to thank you for your continuing support and I hope that all of you are able to enjoy some quality time over July and August.

Kind regards,

C Donnelly
Principal

Graduation Ceremonies (P1-P6)

On Friday (25th April), all P1-P6 children will be involved in an SJB Graduation Ceremony in the school to mark the completion of what has been a very unique school year. They will receive specially designed certificates to take home and photographs of the event will be shared on class SeeSaw accounts. These are being held tomorrow as I appreciate that many children may not return for the final few days of term next week and we want to ensure all children receive the certificates with their classes tomorrow before heading off for the summer break.

Children's Reports

All P1-P6 children will be sent home with their reports tomorrow in their school bags. The envelope will also contain information in relation to next year's class teachers.

Breakfast, Dinner and After School Clubs next week

There will be school dinners as usual on Monday and Tuesday, and these should be paid for in the normal manner on Monday morning. Breakfast Club will run as normal on Monday and Tuesday. As the school canteen is closed on Wednesday, Morning Supervision Club will run instead in the school hall from 7.45am. Parents wishing to avail of these should send in the money as usual on Monday morning (£1.50 Breakfast Club for Mon/Tue and £1 for Morning Supervision on Wed.) Please ensure your child is walked to the school front entrance on Wednesday morning if availing of Morning Supervision. As usual, this facility is only open to parents who have pre-registered.

Free School Meal Applications

The Online Application option for free school meals for 2021/22 is now open at the link below. It is very important that parents register for this in advance of the beginning of the school year so that your child is entitled to a free school meal from the start of the school year.

<https://www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals-uniform-grants/apply-for-free-school-meals-uniform-grants>

Final Day of School (Wednesday 30th June)

The final day of school for this term will be next Wednesday. P1/P2 children will leave at 10.55am and all remaining children will leave at 11am. P3/P4 children will exit through the Church Playground exit (their usual entrance/exit point) whilst P5/P6 children will also exit through their usual gates (the Main Gate for P5 and the Side Entrance Gate on Finaghy Road North for P6.)

Return to School Dates

P2-P7 children will return to school for the new academic term on Friday 27th August, with the second day of term being Tuesday 31st August as Monday is a Bank Holiday. Both of these days will be half-days, with exact finish times to follow. We are currently awaiting guidance from the Department of Education in relation to existing Covid measures and whether they must be carried over into the new academic year, so more information will follow in advance of the start of term.