



NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2018

ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS

Thank you for your understanding when it was necessary to close school on Friday 2 March due to the forecasted weather conditions. One text message was sent per family, however, a number were reported as 'undeliverable'. If you did not receive a message, please check that we have your up to date mobile number.

WORLD BOOK DAY

Despite the difficult weather conditions, the children and staff had a very enjoyable World Book Day on Thursday 1 March with activities linked to books and reading taking place in all year groups. Thank you for all your efforts with costumes.

PARENT INTERVIEWS

A reminder that Parent Teacher interviews will take place week commencing Monday 12 March 2018. **School will finish at 1.00pm for all P1-P3 children Monday 12 – Friday 16 March.** School dinners and packed lunches will be taken as normal. Details about date and time for interviews have already been sent home. Please remember that School will be closed on Monday 19 March for a School Development Day.

MATHS MORNING

This year we are also holding a Maths Morning on Friday 16 March, when the focus will be on various practical maths themed activities. School uniform should be worn as normal. During the morning the children will have the opportunity to watch Mrs Bettes' 'Big Chop' – see below for details.

MRS BETTES' 'BIG CHOP'

Mrs Bettes has volunteered to do a charity haircut in aid of The Little Princess Trust. On Friday 16 March, during school, Mrs Bettes will cut 25 cm (10 inches) off her ponytail! The hair and any donations received will go to the Little Princess Trust who make wigs free of charge for children going through cancer treatments.

Please send any donations for this event in an envelope marked 'Mrs Bettes' on or before Friday 16 March. You can also donate online at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Ruth-Bettes.

****DINNER MONEY WEEK COMMENCING 19 MARCH**

Dinner money for week commencing 19 March will be £7.80 (3 days).

Please note that old style, paper Bank of England £10 and paper Scottish £10 & £5 notes are no longer legal tender from 1 March 2018. School will no longer be accepting these notes.

ATTENDANCE

The Educational Welfare Officer (EWO) has reviewed the attendance of pupils from September to mid February. The majority of children have a high attendance rate however a number of children fall below the threshold of 85% and I will be making contact with some parents where concerns about attendance have been highlighted.

P3 HOMEWORK CLUB

P3 Homework Club finished for Term 2 on Monday 5 and Tuesday 6 March.

P3 Homework Club will **continue** on Mondays and Tuesdays during Term 3 commencing on Monday 9 and Tuesday 10 April.

P3 WEDNESDAY CLUBS

The last day of P3 Wednesday Clubs will be Wednesday 7 March. P3 Wednesday Clubs are not held in Term 3 however those children who have not had an opportunity to take part in the Primary 3 Active Living Programme will be able to do so on Wednesday afternoons after Easter. Parents of those children involved will receive separate information.

P2 MATHS ATTACK

The current group of P2 children will have their final session on Thursday 22 March (postponed from 1 March).

END OF TERM

School will finish on Friday 23 March at **12.15pm – there will be no dinners or packed lunches.** School will re-open on Monday 9 April.

PTA NEWS

QUIZ – Due to the weather conditions the quiz was postponed on Friday 2 March. It has been possible to re-arrange this event for Friday 13 April. Tickets already purchased are still valid, however, if you purchased tickets and are unable to attend please contact the office to arrange a refund. Tickets are still available for anyone who now wishes to attend.

PTA CAKE SALE - A PTA Cake Sale will be held on Friday 20 April. Further details will be sent home after Easter.

MARATHON – One team has been entered for the Belfast City Marathon on Monday 7 May and further details will be sent home as to how you can support this event.

S H MACKAY

Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

Week Commencing 12 March	Parent Interviews. School finishes Mon-Fri 1.00pm
Monday 19 March	School Development Day (School Closed)
Tuesday 20 March	Dinner Money £7.80 (3 days)
Friday 23 March	School finishes 12.15pm. NO DINNERS/PACKED LUNCHES
Mon 26 Mar - Fri 6 Apr	Easter Holidays
Monday 9 April	Term 3 starts
Friday 13 April	PTA Quiz
Friday 20 April	PTA Cake Sale