



The Wee Friday Note

Friday 31st January 2020



Thought for the week

"The more that you read, the more things you will know.
The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." (Dr. Seuss)

1. **AQE & GL Transfer Test Results** – well done to all the boys and girls who received their transfer test results last weekend. We remind the P7s that exam results, while important, are not 'the be all & end all'. It's what they do when they get to their next school that will decide how well they do in the future, not a snapshot-in-time test score. We are very proud of them all 😊
2. **Parents of P1 children in the mornings** – please wait at the Clocktower with your children until members of school staff come out to the waiting area. Children are not to be running up and down in front of the parked cars, they are to wait beside their parents at the Clocktower waiting area. Also, please keep your P1 child beside you as you walk down the side lane to the P1 classroom. Too many P1s are running and someone is bound to fall sooner or later.
3. **School Fund** – thanks to those families who have already paid in full (£15). We would greatly appreciate any outstanding school fund paid as soon as possible. Thank you 😊
4. **No dogs** – please do not bring 'Rover' to school with you when you come to collect your children. This has always been a school rule – whether they come onto the school grounds or wait at the gates. We have a number of children who are afraid of dogs (big or small).
5. **Shared Education project for P4-7 pupils** – we continue to enjoy our shared education partnership with Lisnasharragh & St. Bernard's Primary Schools. This term's theme is PE-related: *Dance & Movement*. Please remember that children need to bring a PE kit, packed lunch and bottle of water when doing Shared Education this term.
6. **Wednesday afternoons with Alex** (Family Worker) - This term, Alex has organised a brilliant afternoon training programme for parents and carers called *Walking on Eggshells*. This course looks at different ways parents and carers can work with children who are challenging their authority and whose behaviour is increasingly difficult to manage. The programme is being run by **Parenting NI** and is delivered in a nice relaxed atmosphere where no one is 'put on the spot' by being asked to speak out or answer questions. Also, Cookery Class is back on next Wednesday for parents and their children (parents must accompany their children).
Why not try it for one week and see what you think? (Alex Barnes – Parents Worker ☎ 07740545129)

Important Dates for your Diary

- 📅 **Monday 17th to Friday 21st February** – half-term break (5 school days)
- 📅 **Tuesday 17th March** – school closed (1 school day)
- 📅 **Monday 6th April to Friday 17th April** – Easter holidays (10 school days)
- 📅 **Friday 8th May** – early May bank holiday (1 school day). Government moved this date from its original 4th of May position due to Victory in Europe (VE) Commemorations across the UK.
- 📅 **Friday 22nd to Monday 25th May** – late May bank holiday & School Development Day (2 school days)
- 📅 **Thinking of summer holidays already?** Our holidays for next school year have not yet been ratified by the EA but it is expected that our pupils will start back to school on Thursday 27th August 2020. The first two, or possibly three, days back school will finish at 12 noon.