



CIPS News

6th May 2022

Dear Parents

It is hard to believe that we are in Term 3 already. Our pupils continue to work extremely hard with their academic and social skills but for some children the impact of the last two years is still very much apparent. Please be assured that we are working hard with individuals who need extra support. We are also working under huge systematic constraints from the Education Authority with Educational Psychology visits being cut for the rest of the academic year due to staffing difficulties. This will affect all schools.

I am however delighted that the Department of Education has announced more funding for the 'Engage Programme' and the 'Happy Healthy Minds Programme.' This means that we have been able to extend our support services in school so that some children can receive extra help in their learning and others benefit from different forms of counselling. Extra funding has also been announced for SEND Implementation for the next financial year.

During our Summer Term we hope that the children will enjoy the large number of trips and events on offer as we focus on building happiness over the Summer months. Visits are planned to Stormont Park, the Museum and of course our P6/7 pupils will be heading on their residential to Fermanagh.

We are also about to begin standardised testing for P3-7 pupils. It is important that your child is in school every day so that they don't miss any of these important tests. Attendance, in some cases this year has been very poor and this impacts on your child's education. They are missing out on important new concepts. Send your child to school every day unless they are genuinely ill.

Eco-Council

The Eco-Council would be very appreciative of any help that you could offer them as they work to improve the school grounds.

This could include, donations of gardening equipment, gloves, pots seeds or germinating trays.

Reminder



School is closed on Thursday 2nd June & Friday 3rd June for the Bank Holiday and Jubilee Celebrations. We are busy planning some Jubilee celebrations of our own. All will be revealed very soon!

Attention P6 parents

AQE registration has now opened for those children sitting AQE tests in Nov/Dec 22. It is your responsibility to ensure that your child is registered. Go to www.aqe.org.uk to download the forms.

Sport's Day

We are planning to hold Sport's Day on Friday 10th June. We are still unsure as to what format this will take but we hope that parents will be able to attend so we may hold a morning and afternoon session so that everyone can be accommodated.