



## PARENT INFORMATION 4 – FEBRUARY

### ATTENDANCE

As you may have heard on the news, the Department for Education are targeting attendance as one of their priorities. They are stating that all children should have a school attendance rate of **at least 95%**. In the coming weeks, we will be auditing our attendance records and any pupil whose attendance is under 85% will receive a letter. This is for unexplained absences only. It is vitally important that any school absences are reported to the class teacher or school office. These can then be recorded on the school system.

We will be promoting attendance by introducing a monthly attendance award. This will be awarded to the class with the highest overall attendance each month.

### HALF-TERM HOLIDAY

School will **close at 12noon** on Friday 10 February for all pupils. We will be having a movie morning on Friday to celebrate all the fantastic work this half term. School is closed from Monday 13 February-Friday 17 February (inclusive) and will reopen at 8.45am on Monday 20 February.

### SHARED EDUCATION

The current Peace IV Shared Education project will be ending with celebration trips to Jungle NI. Timings for pupils on these dates will slightly differ as outlined in the table below.

Date	Group	Drop Off	Collection
Tuesday 7 March	Key Stage 2 (P5-P7)	8.45am	2.40pm
Wednesday 8 March	Key Stage 1 (P3-P4)	8.45am	2.40pm
Thursday 9 March	Foundation (P1-P2)	8.45am	2.40pm

It is essential that all pupils are in school on time as the bus will be leaving at **9.00am sharp**.

### PARENT WORKSHOP

Action Mental Health will be holding a parent/guardian workshop in school on Thursday 30 March at 9.30am. A booking link will be on the school website after half-term for anyone who would like to attend.

### CONGRATULATIONS...

- A massive well done to the group of Primary 5 pupils who took part in the 4Corners Festival at method. The pupils were fantastic and represented the school so well!
- We send our congratulations to the Primary 7 pupils who received their AQE Results! We are all so proud of your achievements.

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### NI TEACHER INDUSTRIAL ACTION

We have received notification of strike action by teachers in Northern Ireland on **Tuesday 21 February 2023** from **midnight to midday**. The school **will open at 12noon** on this date and lunches will be served on arrival. I understand that it may not be suitable to bring your child to school at 12noon. The Board of Governors have agreed that any child who is not able to attend in the afternoon will not have their absence recorded.

### DIARY DATES

We have been notified of some additional calendar changes (new dates are bold):

Half Term	Monday 13 - Friday 17 February 2023 (inclusive)
Bank Holiday	Friday 17 March 2023
Easter Holiday	Monday 3 - Friday 14 April 2023 (inclusive)
Bank Holiday	Monday 1 May 2023
Bank Holiday	<b>Monday 8 May 2023</b>
Election Closure	<b>Thursday 18 May 2023</b>
Bank Holiday	Monday 29 May 2023
Exceptional Closure	Tuesday 30 May 2023

We will communicate any changes to the above dates if required. The holiday list for the next Academic Year should be available within the coming weeks.

### AND FINALLY...

The school year is flying by! I want to thank you for your continued support in all aspects of school life.

Many Thanks

David Lister  
Acting Principal

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