



# Principal's Newsletter

April 2021



Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to the start of a brand new term!  
Can you believe that we have entered into our Summer Term...the Summer holidays will be with us in the blink of an eye.

I trust that many members of our school community will have had the opportunity to have a Covid-19 vaccination. I am delighted to say that many of the school staff team have been able to avail of this too. It is safe to say we can certainly see light at the end of the tunnel. However, as you keep hearing everyone say – WE ARE NOT THERE YET. It is important that our entire school community continue to focus on the safety measures we have been adhering to at school since the start of this year. We will continue to do our very best in school to keep your children safe. I would ask that all parents and carers do the same when on the school grounds.....**please keep your distance from other parents and wear a face covering.**

The Summer Term in school is normally a very busy one with music concerts, sports days, summer fairs and much much more. We are still not 100% sure how much of the 'usual' activities we will be able to provide however, please rest assured that as soon as we get the green light from Government we will begin getting back to normal as soon as possible.

Many thanks

Mr C. Fulton

Principal

## **P2 – P7 End of Year Assessments**

During the course of this term, children in P2 – P7 will complete their end of year assessments. This will allow our teachers to assess each child's ability, in order to provide great detail for new class teachers / schools ready for starting in September.

I wish all our children good luck as they take part in these assessments.

## SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

### Principal

Mr C. Fulton

### Vice Principal

Mrs L. Kernaghan

### Head of Foundation & Key Stage 1

Mrs J. Orr

### Special Needs Co-ordinator and Designated Teacher for Child Protection

Miss J. Minnis

### Nursery Lead

Mrs P. Addis

### Head of Key Stage 2

Mrs R. Miskelly

## I'M WORRIED ABOUT A CHILD IN SCHOOL.



If you are concerned about the welfare of a pupil in school, please speak with Miss Minnis (Designated Teacher for Child Protection).



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## School Packed Lunches

Please continue to send your child into school with their packed lunch in a disposable container that can be put in the bin at the end of lunchtime. This has been working really really well for us in school and I thank you all for your continued support.

## Class Charity Information

We will be continuing to collect any spare change, on a weekly basis (Wednesday) to go towards our collections for this year. A reminder that all the money raised will be going towards helping with the refurbishment of our ICT Suite. I can't wait to get to a point when I can share the plans of our redesigned ICT suite with you all. ☺

## Breakfast Club and Afterschool Club

I know that many of you will be eager for our breakfast club and afterschool club to start up again. I know we at school can't wait to get them back up and running again.

At present, we are still under government instruction not to operate these clubs. As soon as Government allow us to open these clubs we will do so as soon as possible.

## Money Coming Into School

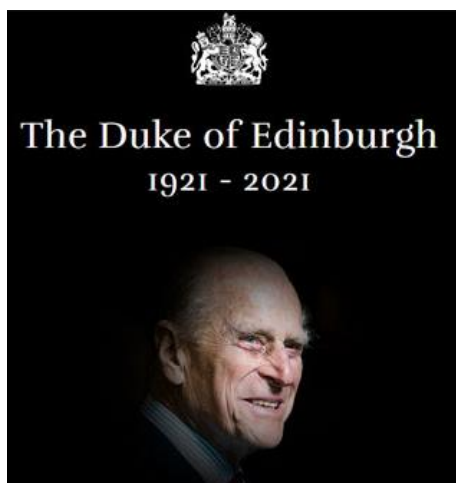
Please continue to send in any money into school in an envelope clearly labelled with your child's name, amount enclosed and what the money is for.

If it makes it any easier for you, we have packets of school envelopes that can be purchased from the school office for £3.

## Homework This Term

Now that we have returned to school full time with all children back in school, homework will begin again. Please pay attention to your child's school planner which will contain all the information you need to know about homework, along with any notes / information sent home by your child's class teacher.

We will continue to use IXL in school for the setting of homework alongside some other English and maths written homework.



## In Memory....

As you will all be aware, on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April, HRH The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, sadly passed away.

Although we will not be in school on the day of the Prince Philip's funeral (Saturday), we intend to pay our respects, as a whole school, on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April.

As a school, we will come together at 12noon, exactly 1 week on from the announcement of his death, to take part in 2 minutes of silent reflection.



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In recent years we have been big supporters of Carrickfergus Foodbank. Our school community has helped to raise a large amount of donations for this really wonderful cause.

As a result of our school's support, Carrickfergus Foodbank has granted us the permission to be able to issue foodbank vouchers to any members of our school community who feel they require the foodbanks support.

Times can be tough for us all at different period of our lives. It is really good to know that, when we fall on difficult times, people and services are here to help. We are delighted to be one of those services.

So, if you ever feel you need our support, our doors will always be open – with no questions asked. If you feel that you need the support of a foodbank voucher, please call into the school office and ask to speak with either Mr Fulton or Mrs Kernaghan and we will be more than happy to help you out.





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## Term Dates 2020 / 21

<b>Term Dates</b>	
<b>August</b>	Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> August – Primary 7 pupils return to school. P2 – P6 begin revision online learning, Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> August – school re-opens for pupils in P1 – P6 (Please see individual year group starting information as per Principal's Newsletter sent 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2020.)
<b>October / November</b>	Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> – <b>School Development Day (School Closed)</b> Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> , Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> , Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup> , Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> November ( <b>School Closed for Half Term</b> ) Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> November – School reopens
<b>December</b>	Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> – ( <b>School closes at 12pm for the Christmas Holidays</b> )
<b>January</b>	Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> – ( <b>School Development Day – school closed</b> ) Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> – School reopens for P2 – P7 pupils. Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> – School reopens for Nursery and P1 pupils.
<b>February</b>	Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> – ( <b>School Development Day – school closed</b> ) Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> , Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> , Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> , Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> – ( <b>School Closed for half term</b> ) Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> – School reopens
<b>March / April</b>	Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> March – ( <b>School closes at 12pm for Easter Holidays</b> ) Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> – ( <b>School Development Day – school closed</b> ) Tues 30 <sup>th</sup> March – Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> April – ( <b>School Closed for half term</b> ) Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> – School reopens
<b>May</b>	Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> – <b>School Closed (Bank Holiday)</b> Mon 31 <sup>st</sup> – ( <b>School Development Day – school closed</b> )
<b>June</b>	Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> – <b>School Development Days (School Closed)</b> Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Primary 7 children finish at 12noon. Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> – ( <b>School closes at 12pm for Summer Holidays</b> )

**PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT PRIMARY 7 CHILDREN WILL FINISH AT 12NOON ON TUESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> JUNE.**