



Inver Info

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A BUSY FEW DAYS AHEAD!

1. *Grandparents' Morning – P1 – Thursday 10th October 2019*
2. *School Photographs – Individuals and brothers/sisters – Thurs 17th October 2019*
3. *Parental Interviews: Monday 21st Oct. – Friday 25th Oct. (school closes at 1.30pm for all children on Mon-Thurs and 12 noon on Fri).
Hometime Heroes will have separate arrangements (details to follow)*
4. *Harvest Assembly – Children bring in items for Larne Foodbank – Thursday 24th October – details to follow*
5. *HALF TERM HOLIDAY – Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November inclusive*
6. *School starts again at 8.55am – Monday 4th November 2019*

ENROLMENT

Larne & Inver Primary School has an ***excellent reputation*** and, during my time here as principal, it is not difficult to see why. We are a family and work together to address all matters. The standard of teaching and pastoral care are excellent and I hope that everyone can see the progress being made each year. We currently have just over 200 children on roll and our current P1 children have settled very quickly and well into their new routines. Our enrolment has risen steadily over the past few years to the point where ***we have now lowered our admissions number, with permission from DENI, to 30.*** This means that we won't have any more large classes. If you have a child who is ***due to start Primary 1 in September 2020,*** please inform the school office so that pre-enrolment details may be completed. You may also know of some ***parents/friends*** who have recently moved into the area or who are currently undecided as to where to send their child/children next year. Please speak to them about school and ask them to make an appointment as I would be very interested in showing anyone around the school and informing them of the great work that is being done. We will also be having our ***Open Event on Wednesday 13th November 2019*** this year – further details will follow.

CHILD CARE FROM 8AM

Our Early Risers Club starts each day ***at 8am.*** Please send **£2** with your child and remember that ***he/she can have breakfast in school*** consisting of cereal, toast and juice. Children may come every day or whenever suits. Really, to be feasible, ***we need about ten or more children per day.*** Mrs Hill is running this club in the P1 classroom (although the classroom may change in the future). If you do not wish your child to have breakfast but would still like to leave them to school at 8am, then feel free to send **£1** for this. If you have any questions or require any additional information, please feel free to speak to me.



CONTACTING A TEACHER

For '**Child Protection**' reasons, parents wishing to speak to a teacher should not go directly to the classroom. All visitors to the school must **report to the Office**, where a member of staff will assist you with your query and enable you to make an appointment with the class teacher if necessary.

*Please also remember that, if you feel it essential to accompany your child into the playground each morning, you must **NOT** actively engage with any of the other children. This is for Child Protection reasons to keep **YOU** safe! As agreed, supervision starts at 8.45am and I must thank all parents who leave at or before this time.*

MEDICAL FORMS

Many thanks to everyone who has completed the 'Administration of Medicine' forms. These are of vital importance. Please remember that *it is the responsibility of **all parents*** to ensure that medication is 'in date' and that school has a sufficient supply for your child. If you have any queries, please speak to either Ms McBurney or myself. *No child will be permitted to take any medication of any sort without previous parental consent using these forms.*



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Many parents are entitled to free school meals and assistance with uniforms for their children. Even if your child does not always take a school dinner, but is entitled to free school meals, it is essential that you complete one of these forms (which are available from the school office). This will greatly assist with school administration and also help us to provide extra support if it is required. *Please speak immediately to Mrs Marcus at the office if you are not sure. Please also remember that the EA have requested that parents only send cash for school meals i.e. no cheques.*



Money envelopes are available to purchase at the school office for £3.

EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES

Mrs McCubbin (P6) took our P1-7 assembly last Friday. We had a great time learning lots of new rhymes and songs in Spanish, German and French! The pictures are on the website! Thank you again to everyone for taking part!



CRITICAL INCIDENT

Thank you to everyone for their prompt response during the suspected gas leak on 9th September. Thankfully it was a false alarm!

FLUORESCENT HI VIS VESTS

Thank you to the PTA for enabling us to purchase Hi Vis Vests for all staff to wear when supervising in the playground or on an educational visit. Hopefully this will make the staff or group leader easier to see!

PARENTAL INTERVIEWS

Hopefully everyone found the 'Meet the Teacher' sessions to be useful. Parental Interviews will take place from **Monday 21st – Friday 25th Oct.** inclusive. This is an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress with the class teacher. **School will close at 1.30pm on these days** (12 noon on Friday) and therefore provide time for the interviews to take place. ***A separate note will explain your specific time slot as some interviews may be held in the morning time or during the previous week.***



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

On **Thursday, 17th October**, the school photographer will come to school to take your child's photograph. Every child will have his/her photograph taken and parents will then receive a small proof. ***Children with brothers/sisters in school*** will also have photographs taken together. Please plan to purchase these as they could also make great Christmas presents for friends and family! Further details will follow closer to the time.



Class photographs and groups (e.g. music groups and sports teams) will be taken later during the school year.

If there is sufficient interest, there will be family portraits taken in the evening time from 5-7pm. If you would like a ten minute slot, please speak to Mrs Marcus in the school office.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

'After School Activities' have started today.

All activities commence at 3.00pm and finish at 4pm unless otherwise stated. You will be notified of any changes to these arrangements so please do not ring school to ask about changes unless it is totally necessary. All activities ***will still take place if it is raining*** as we can use indoor facilities. ***There will be no patrol crossing person at 4pm.***

Please note that there will be no activities during the days of parental interviews.

MRS STEWART

You may have noticed that Mrs Stewart (Classroom Assistant) is no longer with us. Mrs Stewart was a classroom assistant here for nine years but accepted a post in another school during the summer holidays. We wish her well in her new job and welcome Mrs Hutchinson to the staff team.

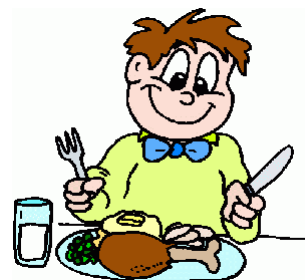


Thank you also to Mr Moore (parent) who designed and attached a rain catching/water saving system to our new greenhouse!

SCHOOL DINNERS – ARRANGEMENTS

Dinners cost £2.60, i.e. £13 per week!

Dinner money is collected each Monday morning. If your child plans to take a dinner on a number of days during the week, please pay for all of the days on Monday. (If your child is absent on Monday, he/she may pay for their dinners for that week on the day on which they return). It would be greatly appreciated if you would *send the exact amount of cash as it 'takes up' precious teaching time trying to find change!* Unfortunately, we can no longer accept cheques.



<i>Week Commencing</i>	<i>Dinner Week</i>
<i>Mon 30th September 2019</i>	<i>Week 1</i>
<i>Mon 7th October 2019</i>	<i>Week 2</i>
<i>Mon 14th October 2019</i>	<i>Week 3</i>
<i>Mon 21st October 2019</i>	<i>Week 4</i>
<i>Mon 4th November 2019</i>	<i>Week 1</i>



OTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Wednesday 13 th November 2019	School 'Open Event' for new parents and children
Friday 15 th November 2019	Children In Need – Non Uniform <i>Children bring at least £1 for charity</i>
Tuesday 19 th November 2019	Whole School Pantomime 'M&M Productions' <i>(details to follow – free of charge this year)</i>
Thursday 5 th December 2019	PTA Christmas Fair
Wednesday 11 th December 2019	Carol Service – 1 st Larne Presbyterian Church (2pm)
Wednesday 11 th December 2019	P1-3 Nativity (P1 parents and Nursery Schools)(10am)
Thursday 12 th December 2019	P1-3 Nativity (P2 & P3 parents) (10am)
Friday 20 th December 2019	School finishes at 12 noon <i>Dinners at 1130 – no packed lunches</i>
Mon 23 rd Dec – Fri 3 rd Jan 2019	Christmas Holidays
Monday 6 th January 2019	Term starts for all pupils at 0855

Further dates will be sent to you in the future

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If you require any additional information or would like clarification on any issues in school, please feel free to contact me immediately.

K. Patterson
Principal

