

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

3rd February 2025

Dear Parents,

1. Swimming lessons for Year 6 and 7 pupils will commence on Monday 3rd February for 10 weeks. Please ensure your child has their swim bag with them. Children are not allowed to have mobile phones with them in their bags. Children can have their snack before we leave to go swimming. Please note that children are not permitted to use the vending machines. Children can bring £1 to use the lockers which is refundable.
2. Please remember that if your child/ren needs to be collected from school early for medical appointments or any other valid reason we ask that all parents use the front door and sign your child out.
3. Could you please ensure that children who have been sick, especially with a vomiting bug, do not return to school until 48 hours after they stop vomiting.
4. Half-term holidays are Thursday 13th and Friday 14th February. St. Patrick's Day holidays are Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th March.
5. If you haven't yet got your copy of our Christmas Pantomime and would like a copy, please order with Mrs Goan before the end of February. The cost is £10 each.
6. We will be taking part in the 'Safer Internet Day' on Tuesday 11th February. The children will be taking part in various activities throughout the day which will highlight the importance of internet safety.
7. Children's Mental Health week takes place from 3rd-6th February 2025, with the theme of Know Yourself, Grow Yourself, which aims to empower children to embrace self-awareness and explore what it means to them. All classes will be engaging in related activities through the week.
8. Parents/Guardians of Y7 pupils need to apply for a post primary place for their child online via EA Connect. The application process opened on Tuesday 28th January at 12 noon and will close Thursday 20th February 2025 at 12 noon. This link will be available on the EA website at www.eani.org.uk. Further tutorial videos are also available on the EA website.

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Please note you should not apply through EA Connect if your child has a statement of Special educational needs as separate arrangements will be made for your child through Special Educational Service of EA.

9. Parent interviews will take place with your class teacher from 3rd February. We have already sent home an allocated date and time with your child. Please note there will be no written homework on the week beginning 3rd February. Children will have spellings, tables and reading to complete.
10. Please find attached a copy of our new dinner menu starting on Monday 17th February, week 1.
11. The Dairy Council will be visiting Year 5 and 6 for a workshop on Wednesday 12th February.
12. Justin Logue, 'Move to the Beat', begins a 5 week block with children from Mrs Galbraith and Mr Sproule's classes on Friday 21st February. We are funding these sessions through money raised by the PTA.
13. Mrs Palmer and Mrs Goan's class will be taking part in a Chinese New Year workshop organised by Strabane District Council, in school, on Wednesday 26th February.
14. World Book Day falls on **Thursday 6th March** this year. Children can come to school in their pyjamas/onesie or can dress as their favourite book character. www.worldbookday.com/dressing-up has dressing up guides if you need some ideas.
15. Dinner money for February £46.80 (18 days @ £2.60)
Milk money for February £3.60 (18 days @ 20p)
Sponsorship 25p a week (if you wish).

Yours sincerely

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