



24th May 2022

Trips

After 2 years without any trips we are delighted that the P7s were able to go on their residential trip to Greenhill YMCA in Newcastle, along with St Michael's PS. They all thoroughly enjoyed the experience and had lots of fun as well as making some new friends!

We are also delighted that each class will be able to go on a trip this term, which they will benefit a great deal from. We appreciate that there are families with siblings in different classes and that there may more expense for some parents. The school has subsidised the trips and if you have any issues sending money in, please let us know and we can allow for payment at a later date if you prefer. Thank you.

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
Fri 27 May	Sportathon – all pupils stay in school until 3.00pm Cost: £3 per pupil/Max £6 per family – please send money to your child's teacher by Thursday please. Pupils need PE Kit in school on Friday – children will get an ice lolly afterwards Half of the proceeds from this year's Sportathon will be donated to a charity chosen by Mrs Watson, our school secretary, who has been off since last July. Therefore, if you feel that you would like to donate more than the minimum £3 per pupil, please feel free to do so. Thank you for your generous support.
Tue 31 May	P7 Leavers' Photos – P7s can wear their own clothes to school for the photos
Thu 2, Fri 3 & Mon 6 June	School Closed – Pupils finish at normal times on Wednesday 1 st June
Wed 1 June	P3 trip to W5
Tue 7 June	P7 trip to Titanic Belfast*
Wed 8 June	'Jubilee Celebration' – Children should dress up for the day and we will have a tea party. They can dress as a king, queen, prince, princess, royal servant or a 'VIP'. Please do not buy expensive costumes.
Tue 14 June	P5 trip to Montalto Estate*
Wed 15 June	P2 trip to Exploris Aquarium*
Thu 16 June	P6 trip to Giant's Causeway / Portrush
Thu 16 June	P1 trip to Global Adventure Play*
Tue 21 June	P4 trip to Belfast Zoo*
Wed 29 June – 2.15pm	P7 Leavers' Assembly – parents invited to attend in school hall
Thu 30 June 	Term Ends for all pupils Pupils in Years 1-3 and siblings will finish at 12.15 pm , and all other pupils will finish at 12.25 pm . There will be no dinners available on the 30 th June and it will be a non-uniform day.

*Notes about class trips will be sent home in due course

Unfortunately, there will be no interschool sports day this year.

New School Year 2022-23

All holiday dates for next year are on the school website

- School begins for all Y2-7 pupils on Tuesday 30th August 9.10 am – 12.15 pm
- Wednesday 31st August 9.10 am – 12.15 pm
- Y1 pupils will be given individual starting dates and times as part of their induction.
- Normal school hours from Thursday 1st September with bus and school meals available – school dinners should be booked in advance on 30th or 31st August.

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School Uniform

We have two uniform suppliers, 'The Signature Works' and 'School Trends'. Unfortunately, we are unable to have them visit school this year. Parents are able to order uniform online (links on our website in the Parents' Section). 'The Signature Works' also has a store in Belfast - *Unit 5B, Stirling House, Castlereagh Road Business Park, Castlereagh Road, BT5 6BQ*



Please continue to ensure that full school uniform is worn daily, especially regarding school shoes. We encourage pupils to take pride in their work and their school and this includes their appearance, of which school uniform is an important part.

Ballynahinch Uniform Zone

This is now operational and clean unwanted items of uniform can be donated via the school. For **parents who would like to receive uniform** BUZ is planning to hold **six open times each of 2 hours during July and August** to fit in with timing of when families would be accessing uniform for the beginning of the school year.

It is likely that the dates will be Friday 22/7, Saturday 6/8, Friday 12/8 with morning and afternoon sessions - BUZ will **confirm via their Facebook page**.



Lost Property

We have various items of uniform and water bottles in our lost property box. We would ask parents to check their child's belongings. Any items not claimed by 7th June will be removed.

Homeworks

We would ask parents to continue to keep an eye on homeworks to ensure that they are signed, are completed to an acceptable standard and that reading/learning homeworks are completed. Homework will continue up until the end of June.

Class Tests

These will have been sent home for you to look at, please sign and return as soon as possible, thank you.

Annual Reports

Annual Reports will be sent home in June. This will update you on your child's progress during the year in all areas of the curriculum.

Free School Meals and Uniform Grant



The process for new applications should open shortly on the EA website www.eani.org.uk.

Those already in receipt of free school meals will receive a letter from the Education Authority, usually in June/July – remember to respond to this as **entitlement does not carry forward**. If you have moved house since your last application, please remember to inform the Education Authority. It can take several weeks for the Education Authority to process applications, so please apply in good time. We would ask all eligible parents to please make sure you apply for Free School Meals even if you think you may not actually use them. This allows your child to have a meal at any time of the year, including Christmas Dinner or special occasions. It also affects our school budget.