



## 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021

### Closures and New Term Aug 21

School is closed on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May and Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June.

For Year 7 pupils, term finishes for the summer holidays on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 3.00 pm. We are awaiting guidance from DE as to whether parents can attend a Leavers' Service as in other years. We will let you know as soon as possible. School finishes for all other pupils on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June. 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<sup>th</sup> June and it will be a non-uniform day.



**Years 2 – 7: School commences again on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> August, beginning at 9.10 am and finishing at 12.15 pm. School finishes at 1.55 pm for all pupils on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> August.** School is closed on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August. *School bus and school meals are unavailable until Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September. We would therefore ask all pupils to bring a packed lunch on 27<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> August. Dinners for the remainder of that week should be booked on 31<sup>st</sup> August or 1<sup>st</sup> September.*

New Year 1 pupils will be informed of their start date in due course.



### 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). 'The Signature Works' also has a store in Belfast.



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. If you have any issue regarding uniform, please contact us.

### 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 7<sup>th</sup> June will be disposed of.

### Photographs

Opus Digital will be in school tomorrow to take photographs of Years 3, 5 and 7. Any outstanding permission forms should be returned tomorrow as photographs cannot be taken without permission.

### Sports Day

Unfortunately, it is not possible to hold our Inter-Schools Sports Day this year. However, we are planning to hold our annual Sportathon and further information will follow.



### Numberday

Numberday will take place on 28<sup>th</sup> May. Children can wear something with a number on it, or a 'onesie'. Donation of £1 per child for NSPCC.

### 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.

## 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.



## Morning and Afternoon Clubs

Unfortunately, it does not appear that we will be able to commence these Clubs during this term. We are looking at the situation with regard to September 2021 and further information will be available in due course. A letter will be sent home regarding any money which was carried over from March 2020.

## Free School Meals and Uniform Grant



The process for new applications should open shortly on the EA website [www.eani.org.uk](http://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.

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Wed 26<sup>th</sup> May - Photographs Years 3, 5 and 7
- 31 May & 1<sup>st</sup> June - School Closed
- Mon 28<sup>th</sup> June - School finishes for pupils in Year 7 at 3.00 pm
- Wed 30<sup>th</sup> June - School finishes 12.15 pm for pupils in Yrs 1-3 and siblings, 12.25 pm for all other pupils. There will be no dinners available and it will be a non-uniform day.
- Thu 26<sup>th</sup> Aug - School recommences, 9.10 am – 12.15 pm, for pupils in Years 2 - 7**
- Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Aug - School finishes at 1.55 pm. Please bring a packed lunch.
- Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Aug - School closed for Bank Holiday.
- Tue 31<sup>st</sup> Aug - School finishes at 1.55 pm. Please bring a packed lunch.
- Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Sept - Normal school times commence. School bus and dinners available. Dinners should be booked on Tue 31<sup>st</sup> Aug or Wed 1<sup>st</sup> September and thereafter on MONDAYS.