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Dear Parents

**Half-Term Holidays**

Just a reminder that school will be closed from Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February for the half-term holidays. School reopens on Monday 19th February at

9 am sharp.

**Leukaemia and Lymphoma – Easter Raffle **

Our annual Easter Egg raffle this year will be in aid of Leukaemia and Lymphoma NI

and will commence after half-term break. Children may buy tickets at 20p each at the school between then and the end of term. ***Any donations of Easter Eggs would be greatly appreciated.***

** After Schools Art/Gardening**

After Schools Art/Gardening for P1 & P2 ***only*** will be on a Wednesday for the first 3 weeks (31/1, 7/2 & 21/2) and P3 ***only*** for the following 3 weeks (28/2, 6/3 & 13/3). Please send in an old shirt/t-shirt to protect their uniform.



**Integrated Education Month 2024**

**Theme: ‘Bias Busters’**

This March will be a fun and exciting month for us as we look forward to the many events organised to celebrate Integrated Education Month.

**Handle with Care**

If your family is experiencing difficulties at home. I would like to provide additional support at school. I understand that you are not always able to share details and that’s okay. If your child is coming to school after a difficult night, morning or weekend, please email me “Handle with Care”. Nothing else will be said or asked. This will let me know that your child may need extra time, patience, or help during the day. Also in these bleak economic times, we know how difficult it is to be able to put food on the table, pay bills etc., so if you feel your child needs any extra food for breakfast and/or break

or avail of the community foodbank, we will be able to provide some food if needed. Just let Mrs Allen know by email or telephone the school and ask for her specifically.

***Important -* Absence from School**

If a child is absent from school due to illness or for some other reason, we would ask you to please ring the school or email (econlan823@c2kni.net) to let us know the situation ***It is a requirement for us to inform the Education Welfare Officer of any child’s absence for which we have no explanation.*** ***If there is no explanation of a child’s absence from school, the unauthorised absence code will be used.***

***Absence will be monitored monthly and if your child’s absence is under 85%, you will be contacted by telephone initially. If there is no improvement, the Education Welfare Officer will be contacted to advise them of this.***

***If your child has an appointment during the day, please email***

***econlan823@c2kni.net*** ***or telephone 028 427 28523 first thing at 9 am.***

**Child Protection**

**Designated Teacher/Deputy Designated Teacher**

The Designated Teacher for Child Protection is Mr Martin McKeown and the Deputy Designated Child Protection Officer is Mrs Allen. If you or your child have any concerns in this respect, please contact one of the above.

**School Counsellor**

If anyone wishes their child to avail of the school counselling service, please contact Mrs Allen for referral.

### P7 Post Primary Admissions

### The P7 post primary admissions portal opened on Tuesday 30th January and closes on Thursday 22nd February 4 pm. If anyone needs help in this regard, please contact Mrs Allen.

Yours faithfully

Nicola Allen

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PRINCIPAL



**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February – Half Term Holidays

Thursday 22nd February – Bee Safe P6/P7

Sunday 25th February – Peace Proms SEE Arena 7 pm performance – bus leaves school 3.30 pm

Wednesday 6th March – Author Visit

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day

 Dressing Up Day – donations to Leukaemia and Lymphoma NI

Monday 11th March – Friday 22nd March – Big Walk & Wheel

Tuesday 12th March – Uberheroes

Thursday 14th March – First Confession 11 am Oratory

Friday 15th March – Grandparents Day 11.30 am – 12.30 pm

Monday 18th March – School Closed – St Patrick’s Day

Friday 23rd March – Odd Socks Day – donations to IEF

Monday 25th March – Friday 5th April – Easter Holidays

Wednesday 10th April – What’s Inside P6/P7

Friday 12th April – Debutots 9.30 – 10.30 am P1/P2 (First session)

Monday 15th April – Edenmore Photography

Friday 19th April – Confirmation 12 noon

Saturday 27th April – Tractor Rally

Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday – School Closed

Thursday 9th May - First Holy Communion 1 pm in St Cooey’s Oratory **(P1-P3 go home at 11.30 am)**

Monday 27th May – Bank Holiday – School Closed

Tuesday 28th May – **Fundraiser - Pub Quiz in Portaferry Hotel**

Friday 31st May - Debutots 9.30 – 10.30 am – P1 - P2 (Last session)

Saturday 1st June – **Fundraiser - Coffee Morning at Portaferry Market in the Square**

Thursday 6th June – Sports Day

Friday 28th June – School closes for summer holidays

