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'Friday Note'

Friday 7 April 2017

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Looking back...

Internet Safety: SimSimi App

We want to inform you of a new app for mobile phones called **SimSimi**, which is causing the PSNI and schools a lot of concern as it has been linked to some severe instances of bullying. SimSimi allows users to view anonymous, and often insulting, and explicit messages left about them by typing in their name. Schools across Ireland have urged parents to check their children's devices for the app, and following complaints; it has reportedly been made unavailable in Ireland, but is still available to download in Northern Ireland. If you find this application on your child's phone we urge you to delete it immediately.

Read all about it!!

The children in P5 have been working on the critical literacy programme using The Irish News as their focus text. One of our parents has recommended the "First News" as a most suitable and enjoyable newspaper for children. You can get a subscription for this, details online.

Fire Drill

This week we carried out our termly fire drill. The school was successfully evacuated in less than 2 minutes which was excellent. The children were mature and sensible in every way.

Looking Ahead

Easter Mass

Next Wednesday pupils from P3 – P7 will join the Parish of Blaris in St. Patrick's Chapel for Easter Mass at 10am. We welcome all parents and grandparents to join us.

Pick Up Arrangements on Holy Thursday

As on previous half days we will stagger the pick-up times on Holy Thursday as follows:

- P1 – P3 pupils with **NO SIBLINGS** can be picked up at their usual pick up points at 11.30am
- All other pupils can be picked up at 11.50am at their usual pick up points

There will be NO COOL KIDS on this day.

After School Club Registration Morning

Registration for our Term 3 After School Activities will take place on **Tuesday 11th April at 8.15am**. Please refer to the letter sent home, detailing the clubs which require registration in school on this day. As before, a number of clubs can now be registered for online or by contacting tutors directly. All contact details can be found on the After School Activities letter. If you have any questions, please speak to Mrs McManus.

P6 Transfer Meeting

We have arranged a meeting for parents of pupils in Primary 6 to outline the **'Transfer Procedure'** as well as the Primary 7 year. This meeting will take place on **Tuesday 25 April at 6.15pm** in the school assembly hall. It is really important that at least one parent attends.



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P4 Breaking of Bread Service

Pupils from Primary 4 who are making their First Communion will prepare for this sacrament with their Breaking of Bread service on Wednesday 26 April at 11am in the school assembly hall. All parents are invited to attend as there will be important information given out on the day regarding First Communion.

Wear your Easter Bonnet to School!

What better way to celebrate the last day of the term by wearing your Easter Bonnet to school! All pupils are invited to show off their creative skills by decorating an Easter Bonnet and wearing it into school next Thursday 13 April. Children will also take part in a traditional Easter egg hunt on the day as well. This is all in aid of PTA funds and a donation of £1-£2 is welcome. Thank you.

What's happening next week?

Monday 10 April 2017	Tuesday 11 April 2017	Wednesday 12 April 2017	Thursday 13 April 2017
Post-Inspection action Plan review Meeting with EA and CCMS at 10am Colette Brownlee Museum Research with P7 9:30 – 11:00 3pm: ICT Meeting for staff: ICT Assessment Tracker 6pm Board of Governor Meeting	8.15am After School Club Registration in assembly hall Science garden activities for P1, P2 and P5 P4 Mrs Gould's class at Lisburn Library P2 Miss Beatty's class at pottery in Island Arts Centre P6 Mrs McCambridge's class at pottery in Island Arts Centre 3pm QLT: Planning for all teachers	P3 – P7 at Easter Mass in St. Patrick's Chapel. Please come along with us to celebrate the Easter story Mr McCormick (Nara's dad) P3 Ms Kitt @ 1:15 Science Demo for this class Transfer Club for P6 3pm – 4.15pm	PTA Wear your Easter Bonnet to school and Easter Egg Hunt . Donations of £1-£2 in aid of PTA funds...thank you! School closes half day See pick up arrangements above

Have a lovely weekend and see you all on Monday!
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