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Dear Parents,

Parent Interviews



Thank you for your participation in parent interviews this week. Hopefully you have had the opportunity to be updated on your child's academic progress, how they are working in class this year and any areas for development. If at any point in the school year you have queries/ concerns, an appointment can be arranged with your child's class teacher by contacting the school office.

P7 Transfer Procedure

The post-primary portal is now open for P7 parents to complete their child's application for admission to post-primary schools. Parents should ensure they include a number of schools in their selection (including at least 1 non-grammar option) and ensure they refer to the school's criteria in their application. Any supporting documentation should also be uploaded to the portal. The portal will close at 4pm on 23rd February '22. Further information and a post-primary guide are available on the school website. Please do contact the school if you require any further assistance.

Some dates for your diary:

After the half term-break (Mon 14th- Fri 18th Feb) there are a number of special events and activities planned.



Thurs 3rd March: WORLD BOOK DAY: Children are encouraged to come to school in dress-up/ costume related to books and characters. (Parents do not need to purchase special costumes.)

14th~18th March: Science Week 21st~31st March: Sustrans Big Walk and Pedal 28th~29th March: Individual/ Family Photographs

A Note from our Governors:

The pandemic has had such an impact on every school, but for us we have had the additional disappointment that it has also taken away the chance for a wonderful school wide celebration to mark our new chapter in our brand new school building.

Our current parents are such an important part of our school community and we very much appreciate your patience and understanding about the fact we have been unable to open our doors and welcome you in to see the new building and join in the excitement.

As it is so difficult to know when we will be without restrictions, the governors would like to invite to parents to see the school during some of our School Development Days in Term 2 & 3. These will be by appointment only, in small tours of 4 people, and we would kindly ask that only one representative from each family attend initially so that we can accommodate as many families as possible. Given the current surge in cases, both in the community and schools, we hope that after the half-term break, when cases we are expected to have passed the peak, we can provide specific dates for the tours. Further information on dates and the booking system will be shared in due course. Thank you for your continued support and patience.

Half-Term Holiday

School will be closed from Monday 14th- Friday 18th February for the half-term holiday. We will reopen on Monday 21st February. I hope everyone has an enjoyable break!

Yours faithfully,

J McAuley