

January (4) 2025

Dear parent,

Whilst we were very fortunate not to have any major damage done during the storm, the metal outdoor play container was destroyed. We have a skip coming to school next week, as there is a lot of 'rubbish' to dispose of. We intend to clear out the shipping container to make way for storage of our outdoor play equipment. To that end we would really appreciate your help to fill the skip on Monday 10th February. That is a School Development Day and permanent staff will be in school training. If you could give the caretaker a hand to move the unwanted items into the skip, it would be much appreciated. As they say – many hands make light work! There is a cuppa and a bun in it for you, as well as our thanks! If you are able to help, please ring the school to put down your name.

On another note, our school postbox is out of action. A key has broken in the lock. If you think you might be able to get it out for us, please call at the office.

PTA NEWS

We had a great turn out at the PTA meeting on Wednesday 22 January. The PTA have agreed to purchase a new interactive panel for the P3/4 room as well as a portable PA system. There were terrific suggestions for fundraising activities – so watch this space!

SCHOOL BOOK FAIR

Thank you so much for your support at the Book Fair. Any money raised by school has still to be finalised, but will be used to boost reading material for the pupils.

NSPCC EVENTS

This Wednesday sees our P3/4 & P6/7 benefitting from NSPCC led 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' workshops.

P6 SEAG TRANSFER TEST INFORMATION SESSION

Mrs Winters will be holding a SEAG information session for P6 parents on Thursday 27 February at 3.00pm. This session will be in the assembly hall and all P6 parents are welcome to attend. If you are unable to attend, please ring the office and the information distributed at that meeting will be sent home.

P7 PARENT CONSULTATIONS

It is not customary at this time of year to schedule P7 parent consultations. However, if you have any worries or concerns then please contact Mrs Hutchinson to arrange a time to speak to her. Any P7 children with Individual Education Plans will be offered a consultation at the end of February to discuss progress.

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Any parent who wishes to discuss their child's SEAG result, before they submit their application on the Post Primary Admissions Portal, should ring school to arrange to speak to Mrs Winters. The portal will be open until 20 February.

P1 – P6 PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Appointment slots for Wednesday 26 February and Thursday 27 February will be sent home on Monday 3 February.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Playsport will commence on 19 February. There are 6 sessions from 19 February to 26 March. Payment should be made prior to the first session. Please follow the instructions on the attached Playsport information sheet.

Please note, on Wednesday 26 February, as school closes at 1pm for Parent Consultations, P1 – P7 Playsport will take place at 1.00pm – 2.00pm.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

28.01.25	Post Primary Admission Portal opens.
03.02.25	P1 Health Appraisals
07.02.25	School closes at 2pm for all pupils – mid-term break <i>School closed 10.02.24 – 14.02.24.</i>
10.02.25	Big Skip Tidy Up / School Development Day
19.02.25	Playsport Session 1
20.02.25	Post Primary Admission Portal closes.
26.02.25	Parent Consultations – school closes at 1pm (Playsport 1-2pm)
26.02.25	Playsport Session 2 (1-2pm)
27.02.25	Parent Consultations – school closes at 1pm for ALL pupils
27.02.25	P6 Parents SEAG Information Session at 3pm

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