



Wednesday 13th March 2019

CRICKET COMPETITION:

P7 took part in the 'Newtownabbey Indoor Cricket Primary School Championships' on Friday 8th March at the Valley Leisure Centre. They did really well and enjoyed the day. They showed great teamwork skills and were a credit to the school. We are pleased to inform you that **Tildarg won this competition**, a huge congratulations to the P7 boys and girls for doing so well.

BAG2SCHOOL:

A huge thank you to all who brought in items of clothing for our Bag2School collection. The amount raised was £90.23, which is an increase from our last collection.

SWIMMING:

- ♦ P7 will finish swimming on Friday 22nd March.
- ♦ P5 will begin swimming on Friday 29th March. A note has already been sent home regarding this. The children will need a £1 coin (which is returned) each week to use a locker.

GOLF SESSION FOR P5-P7:

Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council have received funding from Department for Communities to help promote Inclusive Golf. With 'the Open' Championship taking place in July at the Royal Portrush and the NI Open at Galgorm & Massereene Golf Club, Council are in a great position to help grow the game of golf by making it accessible and inclusive to everyone. They have offered our school the opportunity to avail of free coaching sessions from a PGA (Pro Golfers Association) professional.

These sessions will take place on **Monday 25th March** in school for P5 to P7. Sessions will last 30-40mins and will cover chipping and putting. P5-P7 will need their PE kits for this.

LOOKING AFTER PROPERTY:

This is one of the Golden Rules we try to promote in school.

- ♦ To avoid confusion when changing for PE, could you please make sure that clothing is clearly labelled?
- ♦ We are finding many items of clothing in school, unnamed and no one is claiming these items. Also, if any text books, etc are found lurking at home, we will be delighted to see them again!

STAFFING:

Mr Gilmore will be off for a period of time due to having an operation on his foot. We hope his surgery goes well and wish him a speedy recovery. While he is off Mr Davis will take on the role of building supervisor.

EASTER BREAKFAST MORNING:

The PTA are running an Easter Breakfast Morning in the school hall on Friday 12th April. This will run from 10am - 12 noon. Children will go home at 12 noon on this day, for the end of term, so why not come along to join us before you pick up your children. More details to follow.

EASTER BREAK

- ♦ Last day of term **Friday 12th April**. School will **end at 12 noon**, before lunch.
- ⇒ Staff training day—Monday 15th April, pupils do not need to attend.
- ⇒ Easter Break—**Tuesday 16th April—Friday 26th April**, inclusive.
- ♦ Term 3 (Summer Term) will begin on **Monday 29th April**

REMINDERS:

⇒ **RED NOSE DAY:** Red nose day is on Friday 15th March. Red noses are being sold in school to help raise money for comic relief. **Red noses cost £1.25 each. No change can be given.**

⇒ **UNFORESEEN SCHOOL CLOSURES:** We will always endeavour to remain open, but should it be necessary to close the school due to snow, flood, or any other unforeseen circumstance, we will, if at all possible, come to a decision the day before. However, there may be occasions when the school will have to be closed on that morning.

That decision will be communicated by:

1. The BBC, who will:

- ◇ Create a dedicated webpage when they receive emergency closures from more than 5 schools. (Check - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsni>)
- ◇ Tweet closures on BBC NI Twitter (@BBCNewsNI) and
- ◇ Post closures on their BBC NI Facebook page

2. The Education Authority, who will provide a list of school closures via:

- ◇ Their website, <http://www.eani.org.uk/schools/school-closures/>
- ◇ Their Twitter page @Ed-Authority, @Education_NI,
- ◇ Their Facebook page @educationauthorityni

3. The School, who will:

- ◇ Post closures on their Website www.tildargps.co.uk
- ◇ Tweet closures on their Twitter Page @TildargPrimary.
- ◇ Use the **Text Service** to send a text to the mobile number provided for this service. **One** text will be sent per family. Character count is restricted so messages will be brief. This service will generally only be used for school closures, as it is a cost to the school.
- ◇ Message closures using the **Schools NI** App linked to the school website.

4. The PTA will, where possible:

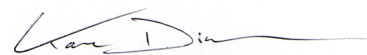
- ◇ Post closures on their Facebook Page - 'Tildarg Primary School PTA'.

⇒ **CYCLING - P7:** An educational course for P7 pupils will commence on Monday 25th March after school from 3pm - 3:45pm. Please check our website and the note sent home with the last news sheet for other dates for this activity.

⇒ **SCHOOL FUND:** There are still many school fund payments due. We would greatly appreciate it if remaining school fund money could be returned at your earliest convenience.

⇒ **WEBSITE SPONSORS NEEDED:** If you or someone you know have a business, and would like their logo put on the home page of our website, please get in contact with school via email (kdickson628@c2kni.net) or phone (02893 323948). Minimum fee of £50 a year.

⇒ **ACCESS NI:** Reminder—If you have offered to help in an unsupervised role you **must** apply for Access NI Clearance. There is step by step guidance on how to do this on our school website under, [Parents—Documents/Correspondence—Useful documents](#).



Mrs K. S. Dickson
(Principal)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY / REMINDERS

- **Red Nose Day**
15/03/19 (Fri)
- **P7 Cycling club**
25/03/19 (Mon)
- **Easter Break**
15/04/19 (Mon) Staff Training Day
16/04/19—26/04/19
- **Term 3 (Summer Term) begins**
29/04/19 (Mon)

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- Check out our school website
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- Follow us using the
Schools NI App
- Follow our PTA on
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