



Welcome to the Messenger as we enter 2019. This will be a busy time in school and we look forward to the exciting events planned.

Safety First - Just before Christmas we had a new electronic entry system installed in school. This insures no unauthorized access to the school building. Keeping our pupils safe is of paramount importance! It has been noted that vehicles driven by parents from St. Patrick's College, have been using our staff carpark as a turning circle, especially after school. Just before Christmas, one P7 pupil was almost hit by such a vehicle at the gate after PAL Club. To avoid a reoccurrence and to ensure our children are safe when in the front playground, in future the carpark gates will be closed at break, lunchtime and after school. Should anyone need to avail of the handicapped parking space in the staff carpark at pick-up time, this will still be available. It is the responsibility of anyone using the staff carpark for this purpose to ensure the gate is closed again when they leave. Please ensure the entrance to the staff carpark is kept clear to enable staff to access the park in the mornings.

Change of Teacher Training Day - Due to the confirmation that there will be a Council Election on Thursday 2nd May, it has been decided to move our Teacher training day from Monday 10th June to Friday 3rd May. This means that pupils will be off school on Thursday 2nd, Friday 3rd and Monday 6th May. This is to avoid us returning after Easter to be at school for three days, off Thursday, back Friday and off again on Monday!

Clubs - Football Club starts again for all on Friday 11th January. Pipes and Drums begins again for the term on Wednesday 16th January.

There is a cost of **£1.00 per week** for each of these activities. All other school clubs will begin on Monday 14th January and will run for 4 weeks (no clubs on Monday 4th Feb or Wed 6th Feb)

Monday – P3/4 Construction and Board games & P6/7 Cookery
Wednesday – P4/5 Cookery & P4-7 Netball
House points for all pupils attending all 4 weeks of Monday and Wednesday Clubs.

Information Evening - 21st January

For any prospective parents who may have missed our Open Afternoon in December, we are running a further information evening on Monday 21st January at 7.00 pm. If you know of any parents considering schools for September 2019, please pass this information on to them. It has also been publicised in the local press and on Facebook.

Break The Rules Day - 22nd January

After the success of our last Break The Rules Day, we have decided to give our pupils a further chance to Bump, Bend and Break the Rules. Pupils can be rebels (one day only!) at a cost of £1.00 per rule. Our pupils can pick up to 5 rules to break!

- Wear their own clothes
- Get off written homework
- Eat sweets in class
- Come late into school (by 9.15)
- Call the teachers by their first names
- Stay out 10 minutes extra at break-time
- Play for 15 minutes with a toy they bring in
- Drink juice in class instead of water
- Play music of their choice during an activity
- Pick a classroom activity to avoid for the day

Parent Interviews - On Wednesday 6th February and Thursday 7th February we will be holding the second set of parent interviews of the year. These interviews are optional for those parents who have a concern about their child's progress and can be arranged should you return the request slip sent home today. School will close early at 1.05 pm on Wednesday 6th February to facilitate these interviews and there will be no PAL Club. We envisage that most of the interviews will take place on this day. Thursday 7th will be a normal school day with parents being facilitated after class should Wednesday be unsuitable and PAL Club will run as normal.

DIARY DATES

10 th January	Magherafelt High School Principal Mr Elder to visit the P7 pupils
11 th January	Swimming P6/P7, every Friday until Half Term
14 th January	Clubs recommence Monday and Wednesday (see note above)
21 st January	Information Evening for prospective parents, 7 pm
22 nd January	Break The Rules Day £1

6 th /7 th February	Parent Interviews (see above note). School closes early on Wednesday 1.05pm. No Pal Club
7 th February	NI Road Safety Quiz 10 am Glenavon Hotel, Cookstown
18 th -22 nd Feb	Half Term Holiday
25 th February	Pupils return to School

Remember - Check out our Website for more photos!