



EDUCATION, COMMUNITIES & ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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Dear Parent

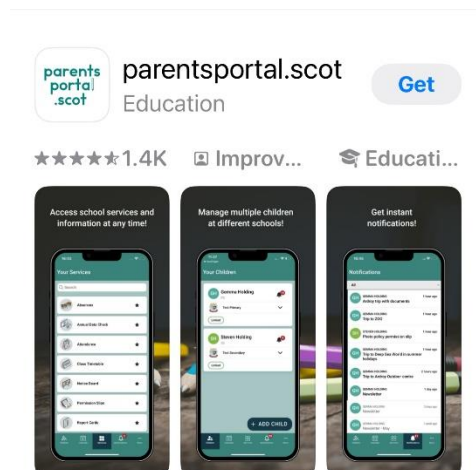
Term 3: Mid-Term Update

As expected, Term 3 is proving busy with lots happening behind the scenes to improve our school and to begin planning for session 24-25. In the meantime, we are witnessing lots of good quality learning and teaching across the school. In particular, topic work has had a historical focus this term which is proving a hit among our pupils!

ParentsPortal

Thanks to you all for your efforts in signing up for ParentsPortal. We now only have around 75 pupils whose parents have not signed up.

We plan to use this Portal more as we move forward. As well as reporting absences and booking parents appointments, ParentsPortal allows us to get your permissions for trips etc, for you to update details (e.g. phone numbers and e-mails) directly and for us to upload end of session reports.



There is now an App for ParentPortal available to download on smart phone/devices, which should be much easier to manage. Please contact the office if you are still finding it difficult to create an account or to link your account to the App.

Relationships and Behaviour Policy: Update

In recent weeks, we have revamped our relationships and behaviour policy to ensure everything we do in relation to behaviour is captured in one document. We have made a few tweaks to ensure we are able to better recognise the positive achievements of our learners.

We have also re-instated a warning system to try to tackle any problematic behaviour. We do not expect many warnings to be issued but, if your child gets more than warning in one day (either in the playground or the classroom), we will let you know via a standard Groupcall message to allow you to reinforce expectations at home. If something is more serious, you can still expect a call from the school.

Phone calls / Drop ins

We pride ourselves on being responsive when you call us or visit the office. The start and end of the school day are often busy for teachers and leadership team members. If we cannot see you or we don't get back to you quickly, please trust that we are not ignoring you and we will be in touch as soon as is practical. In the case of afternoon calls, this may well be the next day.

Absences due to illness

We've had a few requests seeking guidance recently, particularly vomiting and diarrhoea which requires a clear **48 hour absence**. Please note the chart below:

HSC Public Health Agency

Do I need to keep my child off school?

Chicken Pox At least 5 days from onset of rash and until all spots have crusted over	Conjunctivitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Diarrhea &/or Vomiting 48 hours from last episode	Respiratory Illness (e.g. colds & flu) Can return when no longer have a high temperature and well enough	Glandular Fever No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	
Hand, foot & mouth No need to stay off if well enough, but school or nursery should be informed	Impetigo Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 hours after commencing antibiotics	Head Lice No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Measles 4 days from onset of rash	Mumps 5 days from onset of swelling	German Measles (Rubella) 5 days from onset of rash
Scarlet Fever 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	Scabies Until after first treatment	Slapped Cheek No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Threadworms No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Tonsillitis Can return when no longer have a temperature and well enough, school or nursery should be informed	Whooping Cough 48 hours after commencing antibiotics

Use this guide to find out when they should stay off, and when they can go back if they are well enough to do so.

P3 Parents - Pick Up at end of School Day

Only parents of pupils in P1 and P2 should be in the playground area and picking up pupils from the classroom doors. If there's a need to speak to Miss Hay or Mrs Donaghy, please contact the school office as per normal procedure.

World Book Day

This take place on the 7th March. As a whole school, we will have a Come as you Please day and a book swap. A separate letter with more details will follow.

Parents' Appointments

Closing date to book your appointment for Parents' Appointments with your child/ren's class teacher is **Monday 26th February** and appointments will take place on Tuesday 5th or Wednesday 6th March in school in your child/ren's respective classrooms. You can book your appointment online via the ParentPortal App, if you are having issues with making this booking please contact the office, otherwise it will be assumed that you do not wish to have an appointment.

Forthcoming Dates

Date	Event
Monday 26 th and Tuesday 27 th February	Dental inspections for all P1s and P7s
Tuesday 5 th and Wednesday 6 th March	Parents' Appointments
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day: Dress as you Please (no donation)
Friday 22 nd March	Learning and Achievement Profiles home
Thursday 28 th March	Inter-house Football Festival
Thursday 28 th March	School closes for Easter holidays
Monday 15 th April	School re-opens
Monday 22 nd April	P1 and P7 Class Photos
Monday 22 nd April @ 6.30pm	Frog Squad Meeting
Thursday 16 th and Friday 17 th May	School closed for INSET
Saturday 25 th May 10am	Frog Squad coffee morning

Yours sincerely



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