

## Education Authority Western Region

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**Principal Mrs C Thompson**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we are moving through the month of May at a fast pace, please take time to read the items detailed in this letter to enable planned events to proceed as we learn to live and work alongside Covid-19.

#### **Autism NI**

Firstly, I wish to express our thanks to everyone who gave to our charity this month, Autism NI. A staggering amount totalling over £1600 was raised with some pupils really going the extra mile. We are planning to make a presentation to the charity very soon and details of this will be posted on our school website. Thank you.

#### **P6 pupils Transfer test updates**

**AQE Update – 14<sup>th</sup> May 2021 ([www.aqe.co.uk](http://www.aqe.co.uk))**

AQE Ltd would like to inform you that the 2021/2022 Common Entrance Assessment (“CEA”) will take place on the following dates;

Assessment 1 – Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Assessment 2 – Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Assessment 3 – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Dates for registration and further information on the assessments will be provided early next week from AQE.

#### **PPTC Entrance Assessment GL ([www.pptcni.com](http://www.pptcni.com))**

A statement from PPTC in relation to the 2021-2022 GL Entrance Assessment was made last week. The details are as follows;



[www.strabaneps.co.uk](http://www.strabaneps.co.uk)

Awarded March 2020

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- The PPTC Entrance Assessment will be held on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2021.
- The Assessment will be based on English and Mathematics with Gaeilge versions available as in all past years.
- Both the English and the Mathematics papers will be significantly modified to take account of the disruption to formal education experienced by pupils and the desire of parents and teachers that the Assessment be held in November rather than later in the school year.
- The Entrance Assessment will be held in PPTC Centres - to ensure that all pupils have the same experience, with all appropriate Covid safeguards in place.
- The Entrance Assessment registration period will open on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021. As far as possible, pupils from the same primary school class bubbles will be registered to sit the Assessment in the same PPTC Centre.
- Specification guides will be available in the week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021. For English these will set out specific steps that have been taken to reduce the overall demand of the Assessment - for example by reducing the number of comprehension passages from 3 to 2. For Mathematics the specification will show that the overall demand of the Assessment has also been reduced – for example, by limiting the number of topic areas which will be assessed.
- For the full “Planning for the 2021-22 Entrance Assessment” statement [click here](#)
- The [Information for Parents](#) page includes a list of PPTC schools which will be acting as Assessment Centres for 2021-22 and also a “Planning for the 2021-22 Entrance Assessment FAQs” document which provides further helpful information.

### **Nursery and P1 Induction**

Nursery and P1 Induction day will take place on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2021. Time slots have been allocated and a letter detailing this will be provided in the packs for collection on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021, 11am – 1pm.

### **Sports Day**

This year Sports day will take place but unfortunately we cannot have spectators. We will still hold sports day for our pupils, weather depending, in school on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the event will be conducted in bubbles with planning measures carefully adhered to. Photographs will be taken and loaded on Seesaw and the school website, if you have given permission for your child/ren to be photographed /filmed. Please ensure your child wears appropriate sportswear and footwear for the day’s events.





### Summer Fair

A similar context will be planned for with regard to the summer fair, but we need your help to conduct this successfully. The fair will be held during the school day for the children and conducted within class bubbles. The fair will run over two consecutive days, **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June for Nursery – P3/4 and Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June for P4/5 – P7 pupils**. A separate flyer and parent help request is attached regarding the summer fair.

### Clothing Bank

Please continue to use the school's clothing bank as this raises essential money for school funds. The clothing bank can be accessed between the hours of 8am and 5pm, Monday to Friday. Thank you.

### Covid-19 Education Restart

Please see attached flyer specifically for parents, guardians and carers with guidance outlined from the Department of Education.

### Dates for your diary

- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021 - summer testing
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May - World Outdoor Classroom Day
- Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May Bank Holiday - School Closed
- Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June School Development Day – School closed to pupils
- Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June – Nursery and P1 Induction Packs for collection, 11am – 1pm
- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June – Summer Fair, Nursery – P3/4
- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June – Summer Fair, P4/5 – P7
- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June – School Sports Day
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June – P7 trip day
- Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June - P7 receive post-primary placement letters
- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June – Prize day 10am, details to follow
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June - P7 Leavers' dinner (pupils only)
- Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June - P7 Confirmation, Sacred Heart Church, Derry Road
- Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June Last day of term. School closes at noon
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> August – Nursery and P1 Induction Day
- Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021 School reopens.

Yours sincerely,

*C. Thompson*

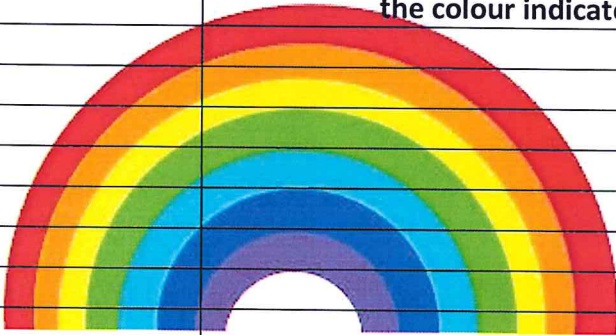
Mrs. C Thompson  
Principal



## Summer Fair

Parents, we need your help.

### Rainbow Stall

Class	Please send at least one item per child according to the colour indicated below	
Nursery		Orange
P1		Orange
P2		Yellow
P3		Light Blue
P4		Green
P5		Dark Blue
P6		Purple
P7		Red

### PTA Raffle

There will be two large hampers up for raffle. One for children in Nursery – P3/4 and one for children in P4/5 – P7.

Tickets will go on sale on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June and will run until the summer fair, when the winners will be announced.

There will also be a spot prize for each class with one lucky winner.

Tickets are £1 each.

To enter the raffle, please send money to school in a clearly marked envelope. Thank you.

### Bottle Stall

In order to run a successful bottle stall, we require every child to bring at least one bottle each. Please do not send any glass bottles or alcohol. Thank you.

### Bookstall

If you have any books which your children are finished reading and which are in good condition, we ask that these are donated to school at least 72 hours before the fair.

### Entry Fee

Entry Fee can be sent into school prior to the event or you can pay on the day. Please ensure you send any money in a clearly marked envelope. The correct amount would greatly help and reduce the amount of money handled by school staff. We really look forward to running our Summer Fair event for our children, but we need your help to make it a successful one.

Thank you in anticipation.

Mrs C Thompson



# Summer Fair

Nursery – P3/P4: Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2021

P4/P5 – P7: Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2021

During the school day

**Entry Fee:**

**£10 per pupil, £18 for 2 children, £25 Family ticket**



**Events included on the day as follows:**



**Bottle Stall, Baker Ross, Plants, Hook a Duck, Lucky Dip, Outdoor games e.g. penalty shoot, netball shoot, large playground games, Book stall, Ice cream van, DJ and a Rainbow stall.**



**Children may wish to bring their own money in a purse/wallet to purchase from the Tuck shop on the day.**

**School dinner on the day will be a Canteen Fun Meal rather than the normal school menu. Dinner is not included in the Entry fee.**

**A PTA raffle will run in the weeks building up to the fair.**





# EDUCATION RESTART

**WE ALL  
MUST DO IT  
TO GET  
THROUGH IT**



**EVERYONE HAS A ROLE TO PLAY IN KEEPING OUR SCHOOLS SAFE AND HELPING TO STOP THE SPREAD OF COVID-19.**

## **EVERYONE SHOULD CONTINUE TO:**

- ☒ **Wash** hands regularly
- ☒ **Cover** coughs and sneezes
- ☒ **Wear** a face covering where necessary
- ☒ **Practise** social distancing
- ☒ **Follow** the latest public health advice

## **WHAT SHOULD I NOT DO?**

- ☒ **Don't** send your child to school if they have COVID-19 symptoms or if they have been identified as a close contact
- ☒ **Don't** allow your child to use public transport unless you have no alternative
- ☒ **Don't** gather at the school entrance/gate
- ☒ **Don't** allow your child to share food/drinks with friends

## **WHAT SHOULD I DO?**

- ☒ **Do** let the school know if your child will be absent due to COVID-19 symptoms
- ☒ **Do** follow the advice given if you have been contacted by the PHA Contact Tracing Service
- ☒ **Do** encourage your child to socially distance if it is possible
- ☒ **Do** encourage good hand hygiene
- ☒ **Do** use alternative transport if you can
- ☒ **Do** walk or cycle if it's safe and appropriate to do so
- ☒ **Do** use park and ride or other car-parking facilities (if available), and walk the remainder of the journey to school
- ☒ **Do** avoid parking close to or at the school gates
- ☒ **Do** encourage the use of face coverings on school transport and in post-primary schools/settings
- ☒ **Do** encourage and supervise your child to carry out a COVID-19 test if they have been invited to participate

**FURTHER INFORMATION, INCLUDING FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS, CAN BE FOUND ON THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S WEBSITE AT: [WWW.EDUCATION-NI.GOV.UK](http://WWW.EDUCATION-NI.GOV.UK)**