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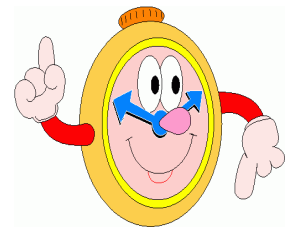
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PARENT INFORMATION – JANUARY 2018

It is hard to believe that the Christmas holidays are long gone, already we can see a slight 'stretch' to the day! At the start of this New Year, and a new term, we thought we would give you an update on forthcoming events, as we anticipate a busy time ahead.

MORNING ROUTINE!

Please remember that school cannot provide supervision or take responsibility for pupils who are dropped off before 8.30am. We would request that you do not leave your children unattended at school before this time, as we believe it is unsafe to do so.



We thank you once again for your co-operation in not using the turning circle as a parking space. Parents should only stop in the turning circle long enough to allow children to get out of the car and not leave the car parked in this area whilst walking their child into school. We would ask that, for health and safety reasons, children are only permitted to get out of cars on the pedestrian side of the turning circle and should be prevented from exiting into the path of on-coming vehicles.

We would also like to emphasise that parents are asked not to accompany their child into the school building in the morning but should leave them at the appropriate gate. If your child is late to school, they should be brought to the school office.

PARKING IN AND AROUND SCHOOL



Sadly, we have once again been receiving phone calls concerning cars obstructing footpaths and blocking driveways whilst children are being left off/collected from school. Please be mindful of the safety of pedestrians/other road users and considerate of those who live in the area, when parking both inside and outside school grounds.

Parents are asked to be vigilant at all times when driving into/out of school grounds and also, when on foot, to watch carefully to ensure children do not cross in front of moving vehicles. Adults and children alike should always use the designated crossing areas. Please emphasise to your child that they are to wait at the relevant school gate each morning – under no circumstances are they to play or run about in the car parks or on the turning circle.

In order to reduce risks to safety, when entering the school gates, please do not turn right to enter the visitors' car park but rather follow the one-way system around the turning circle.

MINIVERSITY

MINIVERSITY is an after-school club for children interested in learning about computers. Each session touches on a 'careers' themed topic. The children are given ICT tasks using a variety of different programmes covering various careers, such as 'Drone Programmer', 'Interpreter' or 'Pilot'. The senior club is currently fully subscribed, however, there are still places available in the junior club for P1 to P3, which runs each Thursday from 2.00 pm to 3.00 pm.

For further information visit the MINIVERSITY website at www.miniversity.com. For price enquiries, or to reserve a place for your child, please contact MINIVERSITY directly either by email at study@miniversity.com or by text on 07712042222.



SCHOOL DINNERS

We would like to remind you that the cost of a school meal is currently £2.60 per day.

We should be very grateful if you could look at the dinner menu each weekend, (available on the school website), and decide which days your child will be taking school dinners for the in-coming week.

Payment should be sent into school on a Monday morning. Please, as far as possible, place the correct change in an envelope marked with the child's name, class teacher and which days they are taking dinners. This is especially important for children in P1 to P4 as they sometimes have difficulty remembering on which days they are due to take dinners. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.

PRAISE AND PRAYER NIGHT

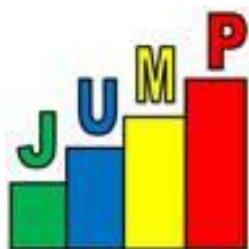
In December we held a Praise and Prayer evening for the life of our school and to launch our new club, JUMP. We would like to invite you to a further three Praise and Prayer evenings in school.



We plan to meet at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 30 January 2018, Tuesday 20 March 2018 and Tuesday 29 May 2018.

We look forward to sharing with you in the months ahead and would be delighted if you could join us.

JUMP



Our new Friday afternoon club, **JUMP**, started on Friday 12 January 2018 with 100 bodies, adults and children, jumping for joy in the assembly hall!

The children are thoroughly enjoying this new club and all P4 to P7 pupils are most welcome – just collect a permission slip from the school office, have it completed by a parent/guardian and bring it along on Friday at 3.00 pm to the next meeting of **JUMP**! Looking forward to seeing you all again this Friday!

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent Teacher interviews for P1 to P6 will take place during the week beginning Monday 5 February 2018. To facilitate interviews, school will finish early for all pupils during this week. A separate note has already been sent home concerning this. Parents/guardians of P7 pupils have previously been notified of arrangements for their interviews which are to be held next week, beginning Monday 29 January 2018.

Please remember that children will be finishing early for the whole of P1 to P6 interview week, as detailed below. Please note the gate from which your child will exit school:

1.40pm	P6 + P7 children along with younger siblings <u>leave via Gate C</u> P6 + P7 children without siblings leave via their usual exit gate.
1.50pm	P4 + P5 children along with younger siblings <u>leave via Gate C</u> P4 + P5 children without siblings leave via their usual exit gate.
2:00pm	Children being collected by Nursery Providers <u>leave via Gate C</u> All remaining children leave via their usual exit gate





SCHOOL BOOK FAIR

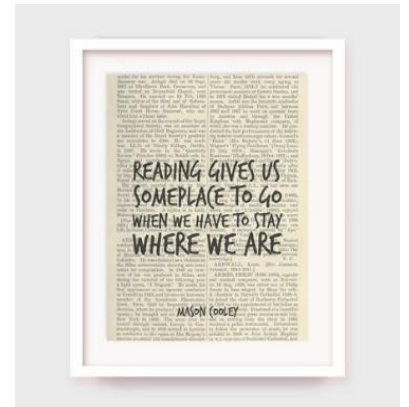
Tuesday 6, Wednesday 7 and Thursday 8 February 2018

8.30 am – 9.00 am

2.00 pm – 3.30 pm

We are really excited to announce that our fantastic 'Travelling Books' School Book Fair will be in school again in February! This is such a popular event each year and we cannot emphasise enough the importance of instilling a love of reading in children from an early age.

There will be a wide range of books and stationery materials to suit all ages and interests, with many well-known books at discounted prices. Children will have the opportunity to visit the Fair to 'have a look' during class times. You are warmly invited to come along to the Fair to help your child with any purchases they may wish to make on the three days, and times, mentioned above. We look forward to seeing you there!



BUN SALE!



On Monday 12 February 2018 we will be having a bun sale in school, organised by the school council as an 'Act of Love'.

A trolley will be brought around the classes and any child wishing to do so may, on this occasion, forgo their healthy snack and purchase a yummy treat! Staff – you will be allowed to purchase as well, so no need to panic!

Buns will cost 50p each and proceeds are going towards supporting the Northern Ireland Air Ambulance Service.

HALF TERM

Just a reminder that school will be closed on
Thursday 15, Friday 16 and Monday 19 February 2018
for half term.

