



GARRYDUFF NEWS

4th September 2019

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It has been really lovely to see everyone in school and great to hear everyone enjoying their class time outside at break and lunch times! Both pupils and staff miss the opportunities to interact with others in school through whole class assemblies and at break and lunch times but we are going to be having weekly class assemblies to give pupils opportunity to hear from each class. Everyone has settled very well whether for the first time or as a returning pupil.

GARRYDUFF STARS

Each week in our Friday morning assembly we present a "Garryduff Star" certificate to one pupil in each class. This year we will still be awarding our certificates although they will not be sent home until a Monday in homework folders.

This week all our P1 pupils are our stars. They have all adapted so well to starting school! 😊

ONE WAY SYSTEM

Thank you to everyone who has been observing our one way system around school. When you leave off or pick up your children please leave via the gate at the top of the new building nearest the road. This helps to keep everyone safe and ensures social distancing. Please remember to pass this information on to anyone who is picking up your children.

TERM 1 MONEY

MILK - The total charge for this term is £15.75

Milk costs 21p per day. The total charge for this term is £15.75

If you have to cancel milk at any time you must let us know in writing as it is ordered in advance with the dairy. We regret that no refunds can be made for absences.

Please note: Milk may be paid by cheque made payable to EDUCATION AUTHORITY

PRIVATE PIANO LESSONS

As after school activities cannot run at the minute Hazel has been in touch to say she is happy to liaise with parents about the possibility of on-line lessons. Please make contact with Hazel on 07731845729

PERIPATETIC MUSIC TUITION

There have not yet been any confirmed details about when flute/ trumpet/ violin tuition will recommence or what it will look like with the current restraints. When I have further information, I will be in touch with those children who previously had tuition.

*****AQE - CHANGE TO DATES*****

I am sure you will have heard on the media yesterday that the transfer tests have now been put back until January 2021. **The new dates for the tests are Sat 9th, 16th, 23rd Jan 2021.** There will also be an additional 10 minutes provided to complete each test so **70 minutes rather than 60 minutes.** The final date to **register your child to sit the test has also been moved to Fri 9th October**

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We will no longer be sending out paper copies of our Garryduff Newsletter each week. Instead, we will add the Garryduff News to the school website. (www.garryduffps.com) It will be available under "Parent Area". We will also be sending it out on seesaw.

PARENTAL FORMS

Could any remaining permission forms, GRPR forms or the Seesaw permission please be sent to school as soon as possible. We need all these forms back before we can start to add photographs of the children to our school website.

HOME TIMES UNTIL 11TH SEPT

P1 will continue to go home next week from 11.45-12 noon each day.

P2-7 (non transfer) will go home next week from 1.45-2.05pm

P7 Transfer pupils home next week at 3pm.

SCHOOL DINNER ORDER

The School Dinner Menu is now sent home on a **Monday for the following week.** It would be great to have dinner **orders sent in on a Friday** when homework folders are returned. Thank you!

RISK ASSESSMENTS

A very thorough risk assessment has been completed prior to all pupils returning to school.

We have been advised that, if you feel your child needs an individual risk assessment to be completed due to them having previously been shielding or having a family member who has been shielding you should make contact with your consultant/medical staff to ask them for guidance on additional requirements school needs to make for your child. This guidance can then be forwarded by email to Miss Tannahill (atannahill584@c2kni.net).