



Lisbellaw Primary School Newsletter - March 2010



Dear Parent,

We are coming to the end of the first week in our new school. What an exciting week it has been!

It is with sadness that the former building will soon be demolished but with gladness that we have moved into our modern school with all the facilities to cater for learning and teaching in the 21st century.

I pay tribute to all staff of Lisbellaw Primary School for their hard work and dedication in preparation for the move not only in the last months but especially from last Wednesday – Saturday when they worked “round the clock” to have their classrooms and indeed all of the school looking as if we had been there for much longer. I certainly have not seen such dedication. Thank you also to members of our Board of Governors who helped. It has been lovely to welcome friends and family during this past week and show you around the school. Everyone has been very impressed. Obviously now that we have had our first week there are some points for all of us to note.

Dinner Money

Thank you for sending dinner money in last Monday for the week – please remember that if only four dinners are paid for Monday – Thursday children can still bring money on a Friday for a dinner but we try to discourage this as it gives us a better indication of numbers for the week.

Breakfast Club Children / Children coming to school before 8.45 a.m.

From Monday 8th March Breakfast Club children will enter by the main door at the front of the school. This also applies to children who are in before 8.45 a.m.

*Please note children who are in school before 8.45 a.m. but not taking breakfast must wait in the Assembly Hall and should not go to the classroom. This is for supervision and health and safety purposes.

8.45 a.m. – 9.05 a.m.

Children who arrive to school between the above times should enter school by their classroom exit doors and not the main entrance.

Pick up at 1.45 / 3.05 p.m.

Parents should please wait outside the cloakroom exit door. Teachers will bring children outside at hometimes to meet you.

Punctuality

Our bell for the start of classes rings at 9.05 a.m. Teachers will begin teaching at this time and we expect all children with the exception of “late” bus children to be in class by 9.05 a.m.

This is a vital part of the morning for teachers and children together. Children not in class at this time may miss vital work.

Security Systems

With our new security system school will have a “lock-in time” of 9.15 a.m. Doors will remain locked all day. If you need to collect your child during the day please go to the cloakroom exit for that class. In an emergency parents may use the main door via an intercom system.

Absence

The WELB are now giving us a monthly report of all children’s absences. We ask that if a child is absent a note is sent to the teacher on return to school. Children’s absence is monitored closely and our Education Welfare Officer will ask me to contact parents if absences are above the norm.

Going home from school

We ask parents to let the class teacher know if children have different arrangements than the norm for going home. Please try as much as possible to limit messages to the office about children’s arrangements. This should be done via a note to the teacher.

Munchbox Challenge

Thank you for your continued support in the Munchbox Challenge. We encourage you to keep the momentum going.

P.T.A.

Thank you for our Blue Bag collection which raised £635.00.

The AGM for the PTA is on 22nd March in the school hall at 8.00 p.m. Please come along.

Dates for your Diary

9th March Paired Maths Meeting (Year 2) - 6.30 p.m.

9th March Paired Reading Meeting (Year 4) - 7.00 p.m.

10th March Nursery Management Meeting – 7.30 p.m.

10th March No Smoking Day

15th March Year 6 Transfer Meeting – 7.00 p.m.

Fermanagh Trust Year 4/7 dates (see below) – a separate note to Yr 4/7 will follow

17th March Holiday

24th March Clogher Valley Choir competition – 6.30 p.m.

24th March Hockey competition

26th March School closes at 12.00 noon – No lunch will be served on this day.

(Please complete the slip to let us know how your child will be getting home.)

Fermanagh Trust

18th March Year 4 Art Exhibition Clinton Centre 5 p.m. – 9 p.m.

25th March Year 7 Dance Performance Share Centre 7.30 p.m.

26th March Year 7 Dance Performance Share Centre 7.30 p.m.

(I know this is a half day and the beginning of our Easter holidays – any parent who feels their child will not be able to go on Friday evening please let Mrs Coalter know.)

Tesco Tokens

Vouchers are available in store from Monday 1st March – Sunday 9th May. Our school benefited from these on previous occasions by receiving computer and technology resources so we encourage you to collect these and bring them to each class teacher. Miss McKeon will oversee this.

Money Week 6th – 12th March

This begins on Saturday 6th March with a money market at the Diamond in Enniskillen 10.00 – 3.00 p.m. Northern Bank staff will be there highlighting the Moneyville website for primary school children and giving out information leaflets and free gifts to children. Staff from the Northern Bank will work with Year 5 next Wednesday for an hour and next Thursday with Year 7 for an hour looking at “Moneyville” and “Math-a-magic” respectively. We look forward to this.

Choir

The choir are beginning to work on their songs for the Clogher Valley Choir competition. Words have been sent home. We encourage the children to learn their words at home.

Park and Stride

Thank you to those volunteers who participated in our Park and Stride scheme. We are indebted to you. If anyone else is interested in supporting this scheme please contact Miss McElwaine or Mrs Logan.

We would remind parents not to drive into the old school car park as lorries are going in and out at busy times of the day.

As you can see March is a busy month!

Ingrid Logan (Mrs)

Principal