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Wednesday 13th September 2023

Dear Parent

I trust you are keeping well. The pupils are settling well into school routines.

School Photographs

Following on from yesterday's notification regarding the school photographer visiting on Monday 18th September, can I remind you to register your child before Monday using the link below. The photographer has stated that pupils who are not registered, cannot have their photograph taken.

https://orders.coolforschoolphotography.com/register/?code=JRW5XPZ

Furthermore, if you wish siblings who do not attend the school to be part of a sibling photograph, you can bring them along on Monday at 8.45am for the photograph to be taken. Please note, this option will not be available after 9.00am.

Donaghey Parents' Association (DPA) AGM

The DPA will meet in school on Wednesday 27th September at 6.30pm for it's AGM. All parents are very welcome to attend along with the parents of new pupils. We will elect new officers for the incoming year and discuss ideas to open our doors to the community. The meeting is very informal, so please come along.

P4-P7 Extra-Curricular Activities

As stated in my letter 8/9/23, after-school clubs will commence on the week beginning Monday 18th September. AT THIS PRESENT TIME, WE DO NOT HAVE THE NUMBERS TO RUN <u>ANY</u> OF THE CLUBS. Please complete the links below by <u>12.00pm on Friday 15th September</u> if you would like your child to attend any of the clubs. A decision will be taken on Friday afternoon if the clubs will be going ahead, and you will be informed by message. I have included all the details below for your convenience.

Term one extra-curricular activities for our P4-P7 pupils will commence on the week beginning Monday 18th September. See details below. Industrial action prevents staff from taking these clubs, therefore we will be using external facilitators.

Monday – Football (P4-P7)	Wednesday – Garden Club (P4-P7)	Thursday – Multisport (P4-P7)
SportsCity	Peter Brown	SportsCity
2.45pm – 3.45pm	2.45pm – 3.45pm	2.45pm – 3.45pm

Principal: Mr S Harrison, BSSc, PGCE, PQH (NI).

*Please note, if the weather is very poor, outdoor activities will take place in the hall. The nine-week SportsCity sessions take account of school closure dates.

After-school club notes:

<u>Monday Football</u> - £36 for the nine-week session. PE kit required including outdoor shoes and a coat. Please book through the following link - https://sportscity.classforkids.io/term/11 by 12.00pm on Friday 15th September.

<u>Wednesday Garden Club</u> – This club will run throughout the year and will include sessions in the forest. Mr Brown plans to go out in all-weather therefore suitable outdoor clothing should be worn. Pupils should bring with them boots, gardening gloves, a change of bottoms and a coat. The fee will be £3.00 (cash) per session – to be paid on the day. *Please complete the following link by* 12.00pm on Friday 15th September if your child will be staying for this club. This information will give Mr Brown an idea of numbers. https://forms.office.com/e/GxFVLKB3k1

<u>Thursday Multisport</u> - £36 for the nine-week session. PE kit required. This will be an indoor activity. Please book through the following link - <u>https://sportscity.classforkids.io/term/11</u> by <u>12.00pm on Friday 15th September.</u>

P1-P3 Club

This club runs from 1.45 pm - 2.45 pm every day and is available to our P1-P3 pupils. More details regarding the fee etc can be found on the 'Parent Information 2023/24 Booklet' located on the app.

Music

Wind tuition with an EA tutor, Mr Monteith, has commenced for our existing pupils. Mr Monteith will also be testing new pupils on Tuesday 19th September. If you would like your child to be tested for wind tuition to play instruments such as the flute, clarinet or saxophone, please email me – sharrison687@c2ken.net before 12.00pm on Monday 18th September. The fee is an annual fee and will available as soon as the number of pupils taking the tuition is finalised. Last year's fees ranged from £82.50 (group tuition – three pupils) to £247.50 (individual tuition) per pupil for the school year.

Letters have been sent out to the parents of our P4 pupils regarding tin whistle lessons with the traditional group. Please return the expression of interest notes by Friday 15th September.

Piano – there is currently no room for Mrs Walker to take on any new pupils. If the situation changes, I will write to you.

Reminders:

- Please complete all the permission forms on the app.
- The P6/P7 swimming fee should be paid on or before Monday 25th September. Thank you to those parents who have already paid.

The letter dated 8/9/23 will have further information including dates for your diary. This letter along with policies etc can be found on the school app.

Yours sincerely

Mr S. Harrison (Principal)