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Dear Parent/Guardian,

School Clean Up Morning: Saturday 22nd April

We are keeping a watchful eye on tomorrow morning's forecast and are keeping our fingers crossed that the clean-up will go ahead. I will send a text first thing in the morning if we have to postpone the event. Thank you so much to the parents who have volunteered to help!

Choir Success!

Congratulations to the school choir who won the Canon Memorial Burke Cup at Newry Feis yesterday and were placed second in the hymn singing competition. Thanks to Mrs Mc Caughey for all her hard work and dedication

Newry Feis

Dates and venues for Newry Feis are contained in the school information update 04.04.23 and in the calendar on the website.

Industrial Action

Due to industrial action the school will be closed on Wednesday 26th April.

Pollinator Planting Day

Mr K Gallagher from Gallagher Gardening was in school this week helping to lay out our new pollinator patch. The patch has been laid out using recycled materials and the area has been designed to allow the children to use their five senses. Today the P6/7 children planted a range of herbs and vegetables – potatoes, blackberries, raspberries, peas, chive, thyme and mint. They weeded the flowerbed and wheeled in the stones for the base of the new playhouse. Well done, P6/7!

On his next visit on the 8th of May, Mr Gallagher will be working with the children to plant carrots and leeks and the children will plant some flowers to add colour to the school. Photos of the new pollinator garden can be viewed on the website. Thanks to our neighbour Mr Sean Burns who donated and delivered the soil for the project.



Polling Day

The school will be closed on Thursday 18th May for the council elections.

Confirmation

Confirmation for the children of St Patrick's Primary School will take place at 4pm on Thursday 25th May in St. Colman's Chapel, Barnmeen. The school will close at 1pm for all the children on that day, we apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Mrs Murray (EA Music)

Mrs Murray, (EA Viola/Violin tutor) will be commencing her maternity leave on Monday 1st May. In her absence a temporary tutor will be appointed for the children.

Primary Seven Hoodies

£10 payment for the P7 hoodies has been added to the School Money App. Thank you to the Friends Group for their assistance with the cost and organisation of this purchase.

School Trips

School trips have been planned for Monday 12th June. This year the P1-5 class will be going to the zoo and the P6/7 class are going Orienteering at the Palace Stables. Consent letters will be sent out closer to the events. Payment will be added to the School Money App at the start of the month

Sports Day

The provisional date for Sports Day is Friday 9th June.

School Calendar

A list of school events is available to view on the school calendar in the parents' area on the website. The calendar is updated regularly.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs N. Magee and staff

