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Dear Parents,

Warmer weather

As we hope the weather continues to warm up and improve, children can wear summer uniform to school and are welcome to bring a hat and sunglasses to wear outside to provide sun protection.



Photographer

Opus Digital will have a photographer in school on Friday 28th May to take P1 & P7 photographs. We can only accommodate individual photos for P1 and groupings within class bubbles for our P7 pupils. It is important that parents return permission forms in advance so that photographs can be taken. Covid permitting, we will have our normal visit in the first term next year.



Northern Ireland does The Daily Mile

On **Friday 28th May** our pupils will be taking part in the 'Northern Ireland does the Daily Mile Challenge'. Pupils, who are not having photographs taken, can come to school in their school tracksuit or their own sportswear. Everyone who takes part will receive a special certificate. We joined the Daily Mile initiative in September 2019. It is designed to get young people out of the classroom to improve their health and wellbeing –regardless of age or ability.

Sports Day

As we continue to adhere to our class bubbles in school we cannot invite parents to our normal sports day this year, instead we are planning class races on **Wednesday 2nd, Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th June**. Teachers will inform you through Seesaw the day their class are taking part. Children may wear their own sports clothes to school if they wish. Teachers will upload photographs of the children taking part to the class pages on the school website which will hopefully provide a flavour of the day.

Healthy Hearts Programme with Laurence Bellew

Starting next week Laurence Bellew, from St Patrick's and St Mary's Church of Ireland in Newry, will be in school to take each class through a personal development 'Healthy Hearts' programme which includes fun, fitness and exercise activities. This programme is not faith based and everyone is welcome to take part. Please let your child's teacher know if you do not wish them to participate.



PATHS – P6 Playground Pals Training

PATHS – Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies, is our PDMU programme which was introduced in September 2019. The element the children enjoy most is, without question is the Pupil of the Day. It also teaches our pupils how to work together, deal with emotions and provides opportunities to build confidence and self-esteem. Part of the programme this year is the training of our P6 pupils as Playground Pals in preparation for, Covid Permitting, helping with playground games in younger classes from September. Gail our PATHS coach will be in school to work with our P6 pupils in the coming weeks in preparation for this additional responsibility next term. This training will take place in class bubbles.

EA Education Welfare P7 Transition Programme.

In June our Education Welfare officer, Roisin Breslin, is coming to school to talk to P7's about getting ready to move to secondary school. We hope the children will enjoy this and find her ideas and tips useful as they prepare for September.

We ask everyone to continue to maintain social distancing, particularly at the school gate. While infection rates are falling, we continue to work in bubbles in school and our enhanced cleaning programme continues. We appreciate your continued support, and ask everyone to continue to be 'Covid Cautious' in the coming weeks.

Yours faithfully,
I. McKane
Principal