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Dear Parents,

Time is flying by; it is hard to believe that we have now been working at home for a whole month. Thank you all for the work that you are all doing supporting your children's learning. This is a difficult time for everyone and very much appreciate your efforts and are impressed by the work being returned to the teachers. It was also lovely to see, through pictures shared with teachers through Seesaw, how so many enjoyed last weekend's snow.

Children's Mental Health Week 1st – 7th February 2021

As our days and weeks all seem to blend together without our weekly routine of clubs and activities, hopefully, Children's Mental Health Week which is 1-7 February 2021 will add a little variety next week. This year's theme is **Express Yourself**. Expressing yourself is about finding ways to share feelings, thoughts, or ideas, through creativity - This could be through art, music, writing and poetry, dance, drama, photography and doing activities that make you feel good.

It's important to remember that being able to **express yourself** is not about being the best at something or putting on a performance for others. It is about finding a way to show who you are, and how you see the world, that can help you feel good about yourself. Parents who are interested in exploring this with their children can find ideas at: <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>.

You are welcome to email pictures of how you have 'Expressed yourself' next week to imckane521@c2kni.net and I will share them on the website. We are not all creative, we can all support our mental health by taking time to get into the fresh air, taking time outside, kicking a ball, going for a walk, playing games, taking a break from screen time etc. Do what suits you, your situation and interests.

Cover for children of Keyworkers and Vulnerable Groups – Week Beginning Monday 1st February

(9:00am – 3:00pm or 2:00pm for younger pupils if more convenient). Everyone must book in on a weekly basis as staffing rotas are planned in advance.

Keyworker parents, ***who have no alternative childcare provision***, are asked to email imckane521@c2kni.net stating the days the children need to attend for the week. Please email as early as possible and before 2pm on Friday 29th January.

P1 – P3 children should come into the P3 classroom via the Emergency Exit in the car park. P4 – P7 pupils are asked to come in through the normal side door in front of the office and go upstairs to the P5 classroom.

There are no school meals, the children therefore need to bring a lunch each day. There also need to bring a pencil and rubber, their morning snack and a water bottle.

Primary Admissions

The EA have asked that we remind parents again that the closing date for P1 Admissions for September 2021 is noon on **Friday 29th January** after this point the portal for digital admissions closes.

Parents Flo Zoom Sessions

Thank you to everyone who was able to link in on Tuesday evening with Liz Jones. Next week Kate O'Hanlon will look at literacy and the following week Collette Delargy is looking at numeracy. Anyone who would like to join these sessions on Tuesday evenings @ 8pm should email me and I will send you the link the day before.

Parents who would like help with learning from home, admissions etc. at present are welcome to get in touch. Please do not worry at home, when we could possibly be able to support you, and are very willing to do so. Best wishes for another week's 'Remote Learning'.

Yours faithfully,

I. McKane
Principal