



# In Spires



October 2021

Thank you....

for your continued patience with our construction work and revised pedestrian access. Please supervise children at all times within the school grounds. We have had a very successful couple of months, with minimal disruption due to Covid-19. To keep everyone safe and all classes in school, please do not send your child to school if they have been a close contact or if they display Covid symptoms. Similarly, if your child has a stomach bug, PHA guidance states that they should remain at home for at least 48hrs. Unfortunately, we had a bug that spread through a couple of classes recently, as children returned to school too soon.

## Change to finishing times

From Monday 1 November, finishing times will be as follows:

P1 & P2 2.00pm

P3 3.00pm (Mon – Wed) 2.00pm (Thurs & Fri)

P4 – P7 3.00pm

**Please do not drop children off before 8.30am as there is no supervision.**

## Pupil Council/RRS/Eco/Digital Leaders

Congratulations to P4 pupils who were successful during the recent voting process. Our Pupil Teams are:

### Eco Team

P4 JJ Crawford & Anna Taylor

P5 Lauren Badger and Dara Watters

P6 Emily Crawford and George Loane

P7 Ryan Higgins and Lena Kasprzak

### Digital Leaders

Noah Larkin, Rosie Eastwood & Annabelle Purvis

P5 Jamie Frost and Rhia Smith

P6 Kurtis Coles, Jack Keatley and Kara Mc Falone

P7 Odhran Mc Alinden and Nathan Lennox

### Pupil Council

P4 Ryan Mc Keown & Rio Coulter-Mc Cullagh

P5 Natasha Gibson and Will Calvin

P6 Andrew Loane and Carly M Kee

P7 Jack Bradley and Charlotte Luney

### RRS Team

P4 Anna Greer & Dylan Burns

P5 Molly Ferguson

P6 Finnegan Simpson and Abbie Bradley

P7 Matthew Calvin and Grace McKeown

## Seesaw

Some pupils are not completing this homework. It is important that it is completed so that work taught in class can be consolidated at home. It also keeps the pupils' skills current, in case they need to revert to online learning at any stage.

## Parents' Community

Our Parents' group held their first meeting on Thursday 14 October at 6.30pm in the school hall. Mrs C Tang is the new Chairperson and Mr C Cunning, the Vice-chairperson. Mrs D Eastwood and Mrs J Clarke are Treasurers and Mrs EL Crawford is the Secretary. Meetings are usually short and informal and are great opportunity to get to know people! **Please come along to the next one on Wednesday 10 November at 6.30pm in the school hall.**

## Parent Meetings

Most of these have taken place and parents have had an opportunity to look at their children's work.

## Book Fair –Online

We normally have a Book Fair for a week in November in the school hall, but due to Covid-19 this has not been possible. It is a fantastic way to stock up on Christmas presents and the school receives commission on every book purchased. This year we are having our Book fair online – details will be issued soon. Please support us through your purchases.

## **Fresh Little Minds**

This Health & Well-being programme continues in P5 & P6, providing the pupils with skills to cope with changes and difficult times.

## **Shared Education**

This will continue during 2021/22 with our partner schools, Magherafelt PS, Gaelscoil an tSeanchai and Holy Family PS.

## **Dates for your Diary**

- 1 & 22 Nov P6 at Forest School Training
- 10 Nov Flu Vaccination Programme
- 13 Nov Transfer Test
- 15 Nov School Photographer
- 15 – 19 Nov Anti-Bullying Week
- 15 – 19 Nov Road Safety Week
- 20 Nov Universal Children's Day
- 2 Dec Rainey pupils leading P6 Sports
- 7 Dec UK Parliament Event Pupil Council & P7
- 22 Dec school finishes early for Christmas, non-uniform day.



