



Spires Integrated Primary School

April 2024

Cash for Clobber

Thank you for all your donations - we will let you know how much was raised from this worthwhile activity.

The Eco-committee would like to see a reduction in single use plastics being used within our school. We would encourage that your child uses a refillable water bottle and has a waste free lunch box.

How long does plastic last before biodegrading?

Plastic bottle: 450–1,000 years

Plastic bag: 10–20 years

Laminated paper: 10–20 years | Paper: 1–12 months

Nylon fabric: 30–40 years

Disposable nappy: 450 years

Cigarette butts: 2–5 years

Aluminium can: 400–500 years

Orange or banana peel: up to 2 years | Glass bottle: forever

Styrofoam: forever

Shared Education

The funding for Shared Education is no longer available, however we are maintaining our links with the other local schools particularly in the area of staff development. This will provide worthwhile shared planning which is beneficial to pupils in all of our schools.

Congratulations

- To fifteen P4 pupils who received the Sacrament of Penance in March.
- To Natasha (P7) and Anna (P6) on their recent Violin Exam success.
- To Rhia (P7) and Ryan (P6) who have reached the finals with their soccer teams.

Assessments P3 – P7

Standardised Assessments are continuing throughout April and May Please ensure your child attends school daily.

Parents' Community

Save the date! The Fun Night will take place on Friday 14 June.



New Sign in /out system

We now have an electronic sign in/out system using an ipad just outside the office. Parents should use this if they are collecting their child early for an appointment or if they are arriving later to school. Staff will assist you with it. If your child is being collected early, please remember to contact the school office so that the child is ready for collection.

Parent Volunteers

We appreciate the support of parents who accompany us on our annual outings, however we have very few parents who have completed an Access NI form, as part of the process. If you would like to accompany us on an outing, please collect information from Mrs Griggs. Staff can assist you if have difficulty completing the form.

Uniform Update

Very few pupils are wearing the knitted jumper as part of their formal uniform, opting to wear a V-neck sweatshirt instead, which is fine. However, it is not cost effective for our suppliers to keep stocking the knitted jumpers and so these are being phased out. It is perfectly acceptable for anyone to still wear them if you have any at home. As we move through the summer term, pupils should continue to wear their school uniform, trousers and shorts should be plain black/grey with no logos.

Dinner Reminder

Please remember to book and pay for your dinner online before midnight as the system won't accept bookings after this. Check if you owe any money and make payments as soon as possible thank you.



Dates for Your Diary

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| Tuesday 23 April | Some P7s at rugby tournament. |
| Tuesday 30 April | P3 at Oxford Island. |
| Saturday 4 May | Confirmation at 3.00pm. |
| Monday 6 & Tuesday 7 May | School Closed. |
| Thursday 9 May | Soccer tournament at Meadowbank. |
| Saturday 11 May | First Holy Communion Day at 12 noon. |
| Thursday 16 May | Soccer tournament at Woods PS. |
| Tuesday 21 May | Boys' Gaelic tournament in Ballinderry. |
| Wednesday 22 May | Uberheroes in P6 & P7. |
| Friday 24 May | Tournament at St Pius X College. |
| Monday 27 May | School Closed. |
| Friday 31 May | Sports Day at Meadowbank 9.00am – 12 noon. |
| Tuesday 4 June | Girls' Gaelic Tournament at Glen PS. |
| Wednesday 5 June | P5 at Belfast Zoo. |
| Tuesday 11 June | P1 at Sperrin Fun Farm. |
| Friday 14 June | Fun Night. P3 Pirate Day. |
| Friday 21 June | P7 Leavers' Assembly at 9.30am. |
| Tuesday 25 June | Final day for P7 3.00pm finish. |
| Friday 28 May | School closes early – last day of term. |

Some other class outings are to be confirmed.