



### Parent Information Sheet

Friday 26th January 2018

#### House Points for LISTENING, RESPECT & MANNERS for this week are...

Eagles - 55points      **Hawks - 64 points**      Owls - 35 points      Falcons - 47 points

**Well done Hawks! You soared into the lead this week.  
The house points were a bit thin on the ground this week!  
Let's all try to show our best Listening, Manners and Respect next week.**

#### Key Stage Two Information Afternoon

Many thanks to all the parents who attended Monday's information sessions run by our Key Stage 2 staff. The sessions were more informal than the large parent evenings and so I know that staff really appreciated the way in which the parents there engaged in the activities and were eager to ask questions and discuss some of the challenges of extending vocabulary and developing our children's comprehension skills. The Key Stage 1 staff will be running similar style sessions later this term so please look out for the dates and try to come along if you can.

#### After School Clubs

The list of clubs went home during the week and the various activities will start this week. Check the website for details of days and dates.

#### Assembly

This Thursday Mr Spillane lead our assembly and talked to the children about Martin Luther King. He spoke to the children about the segregation that existed in America when Martin Luther King was alive and it was no surprise that our children were horrified by the inequality and injustice of it all. Mr Spillane let the children listen to a section of the very famous "I have a dream" speech and asked the children what dreams they have - not just for themselves but for their school, their community or the world. Our children gave a variety of answers and if all their dreams come true the world will be a better place! Below is just an extract from that amazing speech. Still as relevant as ever when you replace "colour of their skin" with religion, culture, sports team, school, age, gender... the list is too long!!

***"I have a dream that... children will be judged not by the colour of their skin but by the content of their character."MLK***

#### Mighty Me!

On Monday, Maeve Kennedy (Alexander's Mum), came into P5 to talk about her job as an osteopath and the importance of keeping our bodies and mind healthy.

*Maeve came in on Monday and spoke to all of us about her job as an osteopath. First she told us about Mrs Millar's knee and then she put some acupuncture needles in Mrs Millar's knee. It looked very sore but Mrs Millar said it wasn't! Maeve then talked to us about how to keep our bodies healthy by eating the right things and taking good exercise. Then she talked to us about we also need to have a healthy mind by keeping our thoughts positive and being grateful for all the things we have in our life. Maeve then got us all to sit down and she banged our knees and arms with a special hammer to test our reflexes. That was good fun! Then she took the needles out of Mrs Millar's knee and put some blue tape on it. We were able to ask Maeve lots of questions about her job and it was very interesting!*

*By Lucy and Evan*

#### Cultural Connections

Information will be going out this week on a special event that we are seeking help with. As part of our activities for Integrated Education Week we are going to run a Cultural Connections afternoon to celebrate the diversity within our school community that sometimes may go unrecognised. We have already explored those connections with our children and have discovered that our families are connected to thirty different countries around the world!! If you would be interested in helping to create a small celebratory display that could include photographs, artifacts, food, costume or crafts then please get in touch with either Mr Spillane or Mrs McKirgan.



### Sacrament Dates

For families of those children taking part in the various sacraments this year these are the key dates that you might like to pop in your diary.

<b>Service of light</b>	12th March 2018 at 7pm (for those being confirmed and parents)
<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation (1st Confession)</b>	14th March 2018 at 12:30pm
<b>Sacrament of Confirmation</b>	30th April 2018 at 4pm
<b>First Holy Communion</b>	19th May 2018 at 10:00am

### PTA Valentine Cake Sale

Building on the success of the first term the PTA have been busy planning events for term 2. The first of these is next **Friday 2nd February** when the PTA will be running a Valentine Cake Sale and coffee afternoon. The PTA will be setting up in the hall after lunch and will be selling tea & coffee as well as cakes and traybakes around each of the pick up times. Cake boxes will be going home in school bags next week and there will be prizes for the best decorated boxes.

### Nearly New Uniform Shop

Mrs White will have the rails of uniform out next **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February** if you are in need of a few extra bits of uniform.

### Test Results

This Saturday is of particular significance to the children in P7 and their parents, as many of them will receive the results from the common entrance exams that they sat earlier in the year. As with most examinations, tests and assessments it is inevitable that some folks will be pleasantly surprised and some will be disappointed. What is important to remember is that everyone did their best. Life really will go on as normal in school on Monday, regardless of the grade awarded, and I and all the staff are immensely proud of all the P7s and have absolutely no doubt that each and every one of the pupils in this year's P7 will go on to success in many different fields. As I said to our P7 parents I don't think anyone should be defined by a number on a piece of paper, especially a ten or eleven year old child. Our children are so much more than that!

### Dates to put in your diary...

<b>Wed 31<sup>st</sup> Jan &amp; Thur 1<sup>st</sup> Feb</b>	P7 Transfer Interviews
<b>Mon 12<sup>th</sup> – Fri.16<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Half Term Holiday
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb</b>	PTA Fruity FRiday for P4 & P6
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	Family Culture Event
<b>Week Beg, 5<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Integrated Education Week
<b>Wed. 14<sup>th</sup> &amp; Thur. 15<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	10.45am KS1 Production of "Pirates & Mermaids!"
<b>Mon 19<sup>th</sup> March</b>	St. Patrick's Day holiday (SCHOOL CLOSED)
<b>Wed. 21<sup>st</sup> - Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar</b>	P6 Trip to Ganaway
<b>Wed. 28<sup>th</sup> Mar - Mon 9<sup>th</sup> April</b>	EASTER HOLIDAYS

(Inclusive)