



Lissan Primary School

'Together We Learn'



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Dear Parent/Guardian,

It is hard to believe that it has been seven weeks now since our pupils last attended school. We wish we were able to get back to "normal" school life and we continue to miss all our pupils very much. I know this has been a challenging time for all our families and I would like to commend the fantastic work you are all doing "home schooling" your children. It is brilliant to be able to connect with our pupils online via Seesaw and it is inspiring to see the work the children are completing at home.

We hope that the "Home Learning" area of our school website, the additional "Paper Packs" and the daily communication via Seesaw have been useful. I know that managing working from home, caring for our families and "Distance Learning" can be a real challenge and I would like to reiterate that you can only do what works best for your family and your own individual circumstances. The most important thing is that you are all safe and happy.

Sacrament of First Holy Communion & Confirmation

I would like to extend my thanks to Father McGinley, Mrs Hagan and Mrs Coyle for the beautiful "virtual prayer services" that we organised for our P4 and P7 pupils. I hope the services went some way towards making the children feel special on what should have been two very important days. We look forward to rescheduling these events. However, we have now received confirmation that these services will not take place this academic year. We will continue to keep you updated as soon as we receive additional information.



Transfer Information for P6



Registration for the Transfer Test has been postponed until further notice. If you wish your child to sit Grammar School Entrance Tests, then you will be required to make the registration. Registration normally begins in May and runs until September. Both AQE and PPTC are currently looking at the dates and process of this year's tests. Please keep an eye on their respective websites: www.aqe.org.uk and www.pptcni.com. **We will continue to keep you informed.**

New Primary One Pupils – Intake September 2020

The Education Authority and our school issued letters to parents/guardians to advise on the outcome of their child's Primary One application on Wednesday 29 April 2020.

We would ask that parents confirm acceptance of their child's place by returning the Acceptance Slip or simply email info@lissan.cookstown.ni.sch.uk

Please pass this information on to any friends or family members it may be relevant to.



Home Learning

Please remember to login into our school website to access weekly lessons www.lissanps.com.

Lessons can be located in **Pupils' Area/ Home Learning**

These lessons are not compulsory, just do what you can. Try as best you can, to do a little bit of work with your child each day and develop your own daily routine. It is a good idea to organise your day with small, achievable goals and celebrate those when completed. Create a routine that works for you as a family. Please contact us if you have any queries or concerns.

Remember – Friday is a Bank Holiday – so allow the children (and yourselves) a well deserved day off!

May is the Month of Mary

In May, it is traditional to celebrate the month of Our Lady. We would like to encourage you all to make a May altar in your homes.

Also, if possible, join in with Fr. McGinley in praying the rosary each night @8:00 p.m. via the webcam. mcnmedia.tv/camera/st.michaels.lissan



Virtual Sports Day

In absence of PE and Sports Day due to school closures, we're planning a Virtual Sports Day which will be held in the first week of June.

The event will consist of approximately 10 events; everything from a shuttle sprint, to a toe-tap challenge, to a family activity. Each event will be explained via video or PDF.

Keep an eye on our school website for more information to follow.

There will be online certificates for participation and some spot prizes too.



I would like to say a massive "Thank you" to Finn (P4) and Kian (P1) Hughes for helping us all keep fit and healthy with their fanatsic videos – our very own Joe Wicks!

Healthy Eating with Ryan (P7) and Joanna WYSE BITES



"Thank you" to Ryan Neeson (P7) and his mum Joanna for their healthy eating video. The video which can be viewed on our school website shows how to make delicious, healthy pizza.

I would like to thank all our NHS and frontline staff who continue to work tirelessly to keep us safe at this time. We continue to keep all families impacted by coronavirus in our thoughts and prayers. We ask God to keep our entire school community safe.

Kindest Regards,

Mrs Ciara McIntyre

