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Dear Parents,

I hope this letter finds you and all your family well. Today should have been the start of our May Bank Holiday break and as such we have decided not to add any lessons to our school website for this week. I know that the children have been working brilliantly over the last few weeks and this might be a nice time to take a rest so that they are ready to start again at the beginning of June.

Sports Day



In term three our pupils would "normally" have been outside preparing and practicing for our school Sports Day. This year, instead, we have registered with "Healthy Kidz" so that everyone can still enjoy the fun and excitement of this important event. Healthy Kidz have created several sporting activities that will allow our pupils to compete against each other.

If you wish your child to be a part of our "Virtual Sports Day" you can access more information by following this link:

https://tinyurl.com/ycszfmwy

This link will take you to the Resource Pack that will provide you with all the information you need to get your child/ren practising for the different events. Perhaps this would be a great week to get practising!

Please ignore Page 3 of the booklet as the school will be organising our own prizes. Do not worry about the dates/ or registrations details at this point! We will send you additional information about registration next week – so all the children need to do is practice the events this week.

I know that lots of our children are keeping busy with their gymnastics, golf, football, ballet and Irish dancing, so please share these videos with us on our school website too.



Mental Health Awareness Week

In many ways the last few months have been an exceptionally unsettling and difficult time for lots of us. Now, more than ever, it is important to take time to consider our own emotional wellbeing and, to look after those around us. In these times, being kind to our friends, family, community, and ourselves is incredibly important.

As part of **Mental Health Awareness Week** BBC Bitesize have added some interesting stories and activities on to their website, perhaps this week would be a great time to try out some of the challenges.



For more information follow the link:

4https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zhkybdm

Transfer Information for P6



We now have clarification on the arrangements for the Transfer Test in 2020.

Entrance Assessment: Saturday 5th December 2020

Registration opens: Monday 1st June 2020

Registration closes: Friday 9th October 2020

Supplementary Entrance Assessment: Saturday 19th December 2020

Results: Saturday 30th January 2021

The full 2020-21 Registration Pack, which includes the Entrance Assessment Registration Form, will be available on the PPTC website from Monday 1st June.

If any parent has a concern or query, please do not hesitate to contact me:

Cmcintyre695@c2kni.net

Post Primary School Admissions 2020/21

The Education Authority has made the decision to prepare and issue notification of post primary placement letters on behalf of schools to parents/guardians. Parents will receive this letter on Thursday 4th June 2020. The letter will outline in more detail; the application outcome, information on the appeals process and a link to the EA website for more information.

I understand that this may be an anxious time for our P7 pupils, and their families and I wish to provide whatever support and assistance is needed in the event of the placement letter from EA not arriving. As such, if you require any assistance please contact the school on 028 86764581 on Thursday 4 June between 10.00pm and 3.00pm, when I will be available to help you with placement information.

We will be sending out additional information regarding "Leavers' Arrangements" next week.



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 <u>info@lissan.cookstown.ni.sch.uk</u>

Please pass this information on to any friends or family members it may be relevant to. We look forward to meeting all our new Primary One children in September. We will send out additional information regarding "Induction" arrangements as soon as possible.

Please remember, if you have any queries or concerns please do not hestitae to contact me on:

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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 coronvirus in our thoughts and prayers. We ask God to keep our entire school community safe.

Kindest Regards,

Mrs Ciara McIntyre