# IRVINESTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent,

We are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Mrs Crozier's new baby daughter Julia. Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Crozier, Isabella and Olivia! Mrs Crozier taught P7 last year during Mrs Wood's maternity leave.

#### **ASSEMBLIES**

It is just great to welcome back our parents to class assemblies. Assemblies start at 9.15 and should last around 15-20 minutes. Please do not park on the hill as we have a couple of late buses who struggle to get past parked cars.

#### **MUSIC THERAPIST**

On Tuesdays we have a music therapist in school Ann Marie Bryson. She works with children who are struggling with a wide variety of issues. If you feel your child needs support, please contact either your child's class teacher or me to discuss a referral to Ann Marie.

### ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Thank you to those of you who have made a real effort to improve your attendance so far this term. When I checked school attendance at the end of September, I was pleased to note an improvement from last term. The P7 class had full attendance for the month of September so Mrs Woods is arranging a little treat to reward their effort. Most families have also tried to be in school before 9.05a.m. This too is pleasing, so please try to keep this up.

# **BREAKFAST CLUB**

Reminder: Breakfast club is available in school from 8.30 - 8.45am. If pupils want to avail of breakfast club, they must be in school at 8.30am.

### **Reminder: SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS**

£20 for one child

£25 for 2 children children

£30 for 3 or more

Please pay on or before Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October. Instalment payments can be arranged with Mrs Stewart in the office.

#### **FERMANAGH SHOW**

Well done to everyone who participated in the annual show. We were very proud of all your entries. Congratulations to our prize winners.

1st	Chloe Armstrong, Ethan Carty, Grace McGirr, Kendal Campbell, Kyle Johnston, Lauren Hunter, Lillianna Simmons, Lisa Cashel, Nevada McKenna, Scarlett Anderson
	Chloe Mc Cready, Emily Thompson, Finlay Woods, Lea Johnston, Lisa Cashel, Macie Murphy, Robyn Lindsay, Ryley Hyland, Scarlett Anderson, Thomas Beatty, Tyler Carty, Zoe Johnston
3rd	Abby Martin, Antonio Guida, Brody Fallis, Charlie Bonner, Ellie Stafford, Evie Loughlin, Isabella Crozier, Jasper Anderson, Jessica Grey, Kim McKevlin, Lea Johnston, Lexi McKeown, Theo Walsh, Vincent Birney
	Amelia Dickey, Amy McKevlin, Darcey Barrett, Ellie Henderson, Kyla Johnston, Nevada McKenna, Olivia Dickey, Preston Harkness, Tegan Carty
	Antonia Guida, Elsie Brock, Heidi Bogle, Jacob Mills, Julia Grey, Noah McArdle, Robyn Lindsay, Sam Millar, Sarah Armstrong, Zoe Johnston
d	Brody Boylan, Cal Fallis, Gabriella Wilson, Isaac Phair, Jessica Largo-Ellis, Joshua Irwin, Kendal Campbell, Lisa Cashel, Mia Dolan, Oscar Bratton

Due to the high numbers of prize winners this year we have won the small school's cup this year and Scarlett Anderson and Lisa Cashel will be collecting it at an event in the Killyhevlin Hotel on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October. Thank you everyone for working so hard on your show entries!

# **Parents' Meetings**

Parents meetings have taken place this week for P1 and P7. Meetings for P2-P6 will take place during the week of 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> October. Meetings will be a mixture of both face to face and video call. You can choose your preference. Video calls will be Monday and Wednesday or Friday. Face to face meetings will be held on Tuesday and Thursday. A help sheet explaining how to log in to book your meeting and/or express your preference for your chosen day. Face to face times will be allocated by the teacher, and you will be able to choose your time if you are booking a video call.

#### **Information for Y7**

Dates for familiarisation mornings for AQE and GL assessments (Y7 transfer)

Enniskillen Royal Grammar- 12<sup>th</sup> November Omagh Academy- 27<sup>th</sup> October Mount Lourdes- 22<sup>nd</sup> October St Michael's College- 22<sup>nd</sup> October\_

# **Garden update**

The polytunnel has arrived and we are looking forward to putting it to good use.

We also received a donation of a garden shed for storage. Thank you to the Bradshaw family/ Drumhoney Caravan park.

#### WINTER UNIFORM

Now that it is very definitely Autumn and cool breezes are blowing, please remember that pupils are expected to wear FULL WINTER UNIFORM- shirt and tie, grey or navy socks etc. Please note the polo shirt is not to be worn with the school tie. Ensure that ALL pupils have a suitable coat with a hood EVERY day. It is only in extreme weather conditions that pupils will remain indoors at break and lunch time. PLEASE, PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING.

# **SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS**

Family and Individual school photographs are scheduled for Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October. Complete the google form by following the link. https://forms.gle/gsprvXUcZPC7Q2Sv6

Please indicate your photo preferences. Families who would like to bring children in from home are welcome to come between 9a.m. and 9.20a.m. Photographer - Trevor Lucy. Please note, if we do not receive a response, your child will not have their photograph taken.

#### **CASH FOR CLOBBER**

We are having a clothes collection in school on 10<sup>th</sup> November. Please send unwanted clothes, paired shoes, bags etc. to school before 9.15 a.m. They can be left in the hall from 3pm on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November.

#### **NUT FREE SCHOOL**

We are a NUT FREE school. Please do not send in any food which contains nuts. No Nutella snacks / sandwiches, or bars / biscuits that contain nuts. Thank you for your support with this.

#### DRAMATIZE

P1 and P2 enjoyed a drama workshop on Wednesday. Thank you to Elaine Hetherington for winning a competition on Facebook.

# **HALLOWE'EN HOLIDAYS**

School will be closed for pupils from Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October – Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> November inclusive.
Keep safe and enjoy the Hallowe'en festivities.
Yours Sincerely,
JE Read (Mrs) Principal
PUPIL NAME/S
(Please tick choice)  Individual Photograph Family Group- all siblings in school
Family group- I will be bringing siblings in
Both

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent / Guardian)

# **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

# ASC AFTER SCHOOL CLUB SDD STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY - STAFF ONLY AT SCHOOL UPDATES WILL FOLLOW EACH MONTH

	OCTOBER					
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY		
3 ASC COOKERY P6	4 ASC BASIC SKILLS	5 ASC SOCCER P6/7 DRAMATISE P1+P2	6 ASC HOCKEY P4/5 SU Amazing Jesus P5 Musical Pathways P1-P4	7 Year 3 assembly		
		eetings Y1&7				
10 ASC COOKERY P5 Victorian Workshop P7	ASC BASIC SKILLS Family and individual photographs	ASC SOCCER P6/7	ASC HOCKEY P4/5 SU Amazing Jesus P5 Musical Pathways P1-P4	PSNI HATE CRIME P6+P7 Year 5 assembly SAT 15		
17 ASC COOKERY P5 Fermanagh County show prize night	18 ASC BASIC SKILLS	19 ASC SOCCER P6/7	20 ASC HOCKEY P4/5 SU Amazing Jesus P5 Musical Pathways P1-P4	SAT 22 Mount Lourdes St Michael's College Orientation		
Parents Meetings P2-6 17 <sup>th</sup> -21st						
MATHS WEEK 17-21						
24 ASC COOKERY P5	25 ASC BASIC SKILLS	26 ASC SOCCER P4/5	27 Musical Pathways P1-P4 Omagh academy AQE Orientation	28 Year 2 assembly		
HOLIDAY						

	NOVEMBER					
	1 HOLIDAY	2 HOLIDAY	3 SDD STAFF ONLY	4 SDD STAFF ONLY		
7 ASC COOKERY P5	8 ASC BASIC SKILLS	9 ASC SOCCER P4/5 P2,5,7 RUGBY	10 ASC CHOIR Y4- 7 Musical Pathways P1-4	Year 4 assembly SAT 12 GL TEST ERGS -AQE ORIENTATION MORNING		
14 ASC COOKERY P4	15 ASC BASIC SKILLS	16 ASC SOCCER P4/5 P2,5,7 RUGBY	17 ASC CHOIR Y4- 7 Musical Pathways P1-P4	18 Year 6 assembly SAT 19 AQE PAPER1		
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ASC COOKERY P4	ASC BASIC SKILLS	ASC SOCCER P4/5 P2,5,7 RUGBY	24 ASC CHOIR Y4- 7 Musical Pathways P1-P4	Year 1 assembly SAT 26 AQE PAPER 2		
28 ASC COOKERY P4	29 ASC BASIC SKILLS	30 ASC SOCCER P4/5				
		DECEMBER				
			1 ASC CHOIR Y4- 7 Musical Pathways	2		

			P1-4 MILLENIUM FORUM CINDERELLA P5-7	SAT 3 AQE PAPER 3
5 ASC COOKERY P4	6 ASC BASIC SKILLS FLU JAB ACTION MENTAL HEALTH	7 ASC SOCCER P4/5	8 ASC CHOIR Y4- 7 Musical Pathways P1-4 P7 FLORENCECOUR T VICTORIAN CRAFTS	9
12	13 ACTION MENTAL HEALTH	14 P1-P4 CHRISTMAS SHOW 10 a.m.	15 Musical Pathways P1-P4 P1-P4 CHRISTMAS SHOW 7p.m.	16
19 P5-P7 CAROL SERVICE 7p.m.	20 P5-P7 CAROL SERVICE 10 a.m.	21 LAST DAY OF TERM! EARLY CLOSING		