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MARCH UPDATE

1 March 2022

Dear Parent

Please note the following:

- **World Book Day-Thursday 3 March:** This is a very special day in school when we celebrate the gift of literature and reading. All pupils and staff are invited to dress up as a favourite character from a book. There will be prizes for the best costume in each class. All children will be receiving a £1 World Book Day Book Token on Monday 28th February. This token can be redeemed at participating retailers against the cost of a £1 book or any book or audiobook costing £2.99 Or more. Please see the reverse of the token for all terms and conditions.
- **Ukraine Aid:** As a school community, we would like to support the request for pain-relief and medicines from the people of Ukraine.

One of our parents has kindly offered to bring any donations from the school to the collection centre at Mallusk. We are asking if families could donate paracetamol, Brufen or children's medicine such as Calpol. Please send any donation into your class teacher by Thursday 3 March.

Also, further to the above yesterday about Aid for Ukraine, we have also been asked by another parent to donate to following in respect of Ballee Baptist Church – again, any items delivered to us at school, will be collected and distributed by the parent. Items needed that we can help with are:

Toiletries

- Soap
- Shower Gel
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste

Please send what you can into school with your child by Friday 4 March at the latest and these items will be delivered to the collection point at the weekend. Thank you in advance.

- **School Photographer – Tuesday 8 March:**

Only the following groups of pupils will be offered a photo session at this time (8 March 2022):

- P1 Group Photo
- Individual Photos for P1 ONLY
- School Families (only brothers and sisters within the school)

We hope there will be an opportunity for individual pupils' photographs (P2 and above) to be taken later in the year. Please ensure you complete and sign the Opus permission slip sent home with your child. All forms to be returned to the school by **FRIDAY 4th MARCH**.

- **Science Day-Friday 18 March:** More details to follow from Mrs O'Neill.
- **St. Patrick's Day:** Please be aware that we are NOT closed for St. Patrick's Day.
- **Loanends Parent and Toddler Group** will reopen on Wednesday 9 March (10.30 – 12.00 noon) in Loanends Presbyterian Church Hall. All parents and carers of pre-school children are invited to come along.

You are requested to wear a face covering when moving around the hall. Please bring your own cup, and a drink and snack for your child. If you, your child or any family member are feeling unwell, please do not attend.

- **Passports:** Unfortunately, the Principal or teachers no longer can sign passports. This is regrettable but this is the advice that has been given to us.
- **IMPORTANT REMINDER:** School opens at 8:45am. Pupils are parents' responsibility until then. Just a reminder that parents SHOULD NOT enter the playground; pupils should be left at the side gate.
- **Absences:** We would be very grateful if you could provide a written reason for absence in order to keep our registers up to date. If a reason isn't provided, the pupil will be marked with an "n" code (No reason given). For ease of administration, please use the tear off slips to provide reasons(s) for absence and return to the class teacher. These are available on the school website. Absences are monitored by the Education Welfare Officer. "Miss School Miss Out Strategy" highlights the following:

95% attendance = 9 days' absence
85% attendance = 28 days' absence

90% attendance = 19 days' absence
80% attendance = 38 days' absence

Taking family holidays during term time is not recommended and I cannot grant permission for such requests. I would therefore advise parents to arrange holidays outside of term time. Should parents decide to take holidays during term time, this must be put in writing to the Principal and will be held on file and copied to the EWO if required. **Teachers will not provide work in advance.** The worksheets and home works that have been missed can be requested when a pupil returns from holiday and not before departure.

We all have a collective responsibility in trying to achieve high standards of attendance.

Lateness is an ongoing problem. Please ensure your child is in school for a prompt start at 9:00am. Lateness is recorded and is shown on the pupil's electronic attendance record.

- **March Menu 2022:** Please find attached the March Menu for School Dinners. School meals should be booked and paid for in advance. We appreciate that this isn't always possible. If a meal is booked 'late' through the school office/kitchen, please pay any outstanding monies as soon as possible. Thank you.
- **After School Activities:** This information is posted on our website (under the News Tab) and sent by Seesaw on 13 January 2022. Please print off or read through for your records.
- **Easter Holidays:** School closes at 12:15pm on **Friday 8 April** and opens again on **Monday 25 April**.
- **Message from Sensei Lorraine:** Well done to Loanends Jujitsu students - they passed their Belt Grading just before half term holidays. They have been working hard to develop their skills, learning self-defence and having lots of fun too. 😊 **Spaces available for beginners from 5 years and up** - contact Lorraine Gault lorraine.gault@btinternet.com or follow on: Templepatrick and Loanends Jujitsu Facebook page. Alternatively call: 07812029477 for further details.
- **Cheque Presentation:** P6 skippers raised a brilliant total of £703. The cheque was presented to the Air Ambulance last Friday. The girls did a brilliant job!



Yours sincerely

Linda Armour

Mrs L Armour
Principal

PRIMARY MENU SLOANENDS

2022 MARCH

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If a healthy alternative to chips is required on Fridays a baked potato will be provided if requested.

If you require any additional information on allergens or special diet please contact the school in the first instance

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week One 28/02/2022	Salmon Fish Fingers Garden Peas Homemade Potato Wedges with Sweet Chilli Dipping Sauce Crusty Bread Watermelon Slice & Yoghurt	Chicken Curry with Rice & Naan Bread Tossed Salad Carrot Sticks OR Filled Baked Potato & Salad Date Krispie & Fresh Fruit Salad	Roast Pork with Stuffing Baton Carrots ,Broccoli, Mashed and Oven Baked Roast Potatoes & Gravy , Fresh Fruit Topped Ice-cream Sundae	Steak Burger in Bap, Salad, Coleslaw & Homemade Spiced Cubed Potatoes OR Choice of Sandwich on Brown Bread Chocolate Sponge Cake with Orange Wedges	Chicken Bites , Beans , Side Salad , Chips Or Tomato Pasta Bake Carrot Sticks Fresh Fruit Salad & Yoghurt
Week Two 07/03/2022	Pasta Bolognese, Carrot Batons & Crusty Bread OR Choice of Sandwich on Brown Bread Yoghurt & Trio of Fruits	Fish Fingers Baked Beans Mashed Potatoes OR Choice of Sandwich on Brown Bread Chocolate & Pear Sponge	Roast Turkey, Stuffing Sliced Green Beans,Diced Carrot , & Oven Baked Dry Roast Potatoes and Mashed Potatoes with Gravy Summer Fruits & Ice Cream	Chicken Curry with Rice & Naan Bread OR Baked Potato with Choice of Filling & salad Carrot Sticks Strawberry and Yoghurt Swiss Roll	Cheese and Tomato Pizza OR Choice of Sandwich on Brown Bread Side Salad, Sweetcorn & Chips Fresh Fruit Salad & Yoghurt
Week Three 14/03/2022	Fish Fingers , Baked Beans, Mashed Potatoes Crusty Bread Ice Cream with Fresh Fruit Salad	Spaghetti Bolognese, Side Salad with Crusty Bread Sweetcorn Choice of Sandwich on Brown Bread Date Krispie Fresh Fruit Salad	Roast Pork with Stuffing, Cabbage,Carrot& Parsnip, Mashed & OvenDry Roast Potatoes with Gravy Strawberry Jelly Trio of Fruit	Chicken Curry with Rice & Naan Bread OR Baked Potato with choice of Filling and Salad Carrot Sticks Fruit Cookie & Melon Wedge	Baked Sausages Beans Side Salad ,Chips Cucumber Sticks Fresh Yoghurt and Pineapple Chunks
Week Four 21/03/2022	Fish Fingers Baked Beans Mashed Potatoes OR Choice of Sandwich on Brown Bread Ice Cream & Watermelon	Chicken Curry with Rice & Naan Bread OR Choice of Sandwich on Brown Bread Carrot Sticks Date Krispie Orange Wedge	Roast Gammon with Stuffing, Cabbage,Carrot& Parsnip, Mashed & OvenDry Roast Potatoes with Gravy Summer Fruits & Yoghurt	FINGER BUFFET CHOICE OF SANDWICH/ CHICKEN GOUJON COCKTAIL SAUSAGES PIZZA SLICE & CARROT STICK CHOCOLATE COOKIE & FRUIT	Cheese and Tomato Pizza OR Tomato Pasta Bake Cucumber Sticks Side Salad, Chips Fresh Fruit Salad & Yoghurt

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