10 September 2019

«Forename» «Surname»

**Dear Parent** 

Please note the following information in relation to events for this term.

## Accelerated Reading (P3-P7 pupils only)

The first term of the Accelerated Reading Programme will start on Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> of September. Part of the programme will be undertaken at home and your support is very much appreciated.

## Key Stage 1 (P1-P4) Physical Movement programme

As you may be aware the funding for this programme was withdrawn by the Department of Education last year. This decision by the Department was extremely hard to fathom in light of recent evidence in relation to early years exercise and the subsequent ill effects on the health and wellbeing of young children. The importance of regular exercise at this age cannot be underestimated and it is something that we would wish to continue. We have therefore secured the services of our previous Coordinator, Karol McQuade, who will continue to provide weekly sessions of activity for the pupils in P1-P4. Unfortunately, this will have to be funded by parents. The cost for the first term up to Christmas will be £15.

## Key Stage 2 (P5-P7) Healthy Kidz programme

The Healthy Kidz programme for pupils in P5-P7 will take place on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September. This will be a 13 week programme and cost £2 per session per child. (£26 for the term up to Christmas)

# **Additional programmes**

#### **Road to Croker**

The Road to Croker after school gaelic coaching (Heathy Kidz Coach) for P5-P7 pupils is available from Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September from 2-40 pm to 3-40 pm. Pupils attending should be collected at this later time. The cost of this programme is £2 per child or £26 in total for 13 weeks.

### **Burns Soccer (P3-P7 pupils only)**

Burns soccer programme is starting next Tuesday  $10^{th}$  September: Pupils in P3/4 can attend from 1.40 pm - 2.40 pm Pupils from P5/6/7 can attend from 2.40 pm - 3.40 pm. Pupils attending should be collected at this later time. The programme runs for 12 weeks and costs £3 per session £36 in total. A parental consent form from Burns Soccer needs to be completed if your child is attending. This can be collected from the school office.

### **Guitar Lessons**

Guitar lessons will take place on Thursday after school until 3.45 pm with Mr Eamon McGarrity starting Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> of September for any P3-P7 pupil who wishes to participate. The cost of these lessons will be £5 per lesson and pupils need to be collected at this later time. NB Guitars will NOT be provided.



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# Violin Lessons (P3-P7)

The Education Authority, Music Service can provide a tutor to our school on a Thursday morning (approx. 20 min). Cost will depend on how may pupils are interested in attending. Violins can be hired from the EA music service at an extra cost.

In order to cut down on the amount of paper needed to record the information from these activities I will set up an online (google form) which will be sent to your mobile for easy completion. All monies for these programmes need to be forwarded to the school with a clear breakdown of what is being paid.

Yours sincerely

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P Loughran (Principal)