**EDENDERRY PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**Newsletter March 2025**

**PARENT/GUARDIAN QUESTIONNAIRE 2025**

A School Development Plan is a ‘road map’ for schools to identify areas of focus for the following three years. Over the past few years, the current school development plans have been extended due to Covid and its impact. In September 2025 a new SDP will be put in place.

It is important all members of the school community are given the opportunity to have input into this, this will include the pupils.

Below is a link for a parent/guardian questionnaire, we would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete this so that your suggestions can form part of the school’s preparation of the new School Development Plan.

Please click on the link below to access the questionnaire. The questionnaire will close on Friday 4th April at 5pm.

<https://forms.office.com/e/5in9LxSpPW>

**CONGRATULATIONS - Baby News**

Congratulations to Mrs Finlay and Mrs Brown. Both have welcomed baby boys, Freddie and Tommy. All are doing well.

**HOCKEY**

Congratulationsto both our girls’ and boys’ hockey teams who are both through to the NI

Primary School Championships. The boys won their qualifying tournament while the girls were runners up.

Again, to the boys’ team who on Tuesday 18th Marchwere runners up in the Décor trophy loosing on penalty runs.

A huge thank you to Paddy Grimes & Emma Lindsay for their work in coaching the children.

**UNIFORM**

As we approach the warmer weather (we hope!) pupils will be permitted to wear summer uniform. From 1st April pupils may wear summer dresses or yellow polo shirts with skirts or shorts (no cycle shorts).

We have a **full box** of unnamed lost property***. Please do feel free to come in and check items.*** **PLEASE NAME YOUR CHILD’S CLOTHING**. Lost items can then be returned.

**PARKING**

I have noted the difficulty with parking due to the closure of Chestnut Place. I continue to ask you to be considerate when parking both in residential areas and in the school car park. Please exit the carpark as quickly as possible to allow others to enter.

It is important young children are monitored and do not run around the carpark unsupervised.

**PASSPORTS**

Mrs Orr and Mrs Crory are happy to sign passport forms, however, if required, the passport form must be signed in front of the person witnessing your form. With the increasing number of passport forms being signed we would ask for a small donation, which will be added to our annual MacMillan coffee morning collection.

**VOLUNTEERS – SCHOOL POLYTUNNEL/GARDEN**

**We are looking for some volunteers to help with the weeding etc., in the school’s polytunnel and gardens. If you, or if you would know of a grandparent, aunt, uncle or friend who would be willing to volunteer for a few hours, please contact the school office on 028 40622082.**

**SAFEGUARDING & CHILD PROTECTION TEAM**

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| Designated Teacher | Mrs C Crory |
| Deputy Designated Teachers | Mrs L Watson & Mrs H Bicker |
| Principal | Mrs K Orr |
| Chair of Governors | Mr G Henry |
| Designated Governor for Child Protection | Mrs H Topping |

A copy of the Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy is available on the school website or can be requested from the school office.

Children are made aware that there is always an adult in the school who will listen to any worries they may have. Please remind your child of this.

A defibrillator is located in the Staff Room.

At any time a parent can talk to a social worker at the Gateway Team: **Tel- 0800 783 7745** or the PSNI Public Protection Unit: **Tel- 0845 600 80000**

**EASTER HOLIDAYS**

**End of term departure – Tuesday 15th April 2025**

**P1 – P3 and older siblings - 12.00**

**Remainder of school - 12.10**

**\*\*NO AFTERSCHOOL CLUB ON TUESDAY 15TH APRIL \*\***

**School will reopen Monday 28th April @ 8.30 am.**

**\*\*PLEASE remember to book school dinners, afterschool, and breakfast clubs on Sunday 27th April for your return to school on the 28th April.**

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

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| P7 PARIS TRIP | 28 APRIL – 1 MAY |
| MAY DAY  | 5 MAY |
| P2 ZOO TRIP | 6 MAY |
| P7C FISHING TRIP | 19 MAY |
| P7G FISHING TRIP | 22 MAY |
| LAYFAYETTE - P7 leavers & team photographs | 20 MAY |
| BANK HOLIDAY | 26 – 28 MAY |
| SPORTS DAY | 3 JUNE |
| FOE FUN NIGHT | 12 JUNE **(Friday finishing times will apply to all pupils)** |
| P7 LEAVERS’ ASSEMBLY & THEIR FINAL DAY  | 24 JUNE |
| LAST DAY OF TERM | 30 JUNE (School closes at 12.00) |
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