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Dear Parents,

June has arrived and it's such a busy time of year in school. There is so much going on and so many dates to take a note of. Please continue to visit the school website regularly as it is often updated with announcements.

Parents' Questionnaire

As we approach the end of another year, I would like to obtain some feedback from parents. Information from parents forms crucial evidence for us as we plan for the years ahead and consider how our school should continue to develop. Please take just a few minutes to complete the short survey on our website -

<http://thediamondps.weebly.com/parent-questionnaire.html> - the comment boxes are optional but we'd really appreciate any extra information and feedback you are willing to provide. If you are unable to gain access to the internet, I'm very happy to allow use of school computers after 3.00pm for this purpose. Thank you!

Milk

If your child wishes to start or stop taking milk – please let Mrs Dunlop know by next Wednesday as we need to confirm the numbers soon. This will be payable in September.

Post-Primary Taster Days for Primary 6 children

Our P6 children will be attending Taster Days at Cambridge House Grammar School (Monday 13th June) and Ballymena Academy (Tuesday 14th June). The children will travel to the schools by bus and will return to The Diamond in time for normal home arrangements. Please send a packed lunch with your child on both days.

Sports Day

Weather permitting, we hope to hold our annual Sports Day next Wednesday 15th June. All children will finish at 3.00pm - which will allow for an end of day ice-cream treat! Parents and friends are welcome to come and join us! Bring your trainers!

- Junior Sports (P1-P4) 10.00am – 12.00pm
- Senior Sports (P5-P7) 1.00pm – 2.30pm
- All children finish at 3pm

Summer Concert

The Summer concert this year will be held at Cullybackey College on Wednesday 22nd June at 7.00pm. Please remember to book your tickets via the school website - <http://thediamondps.weebly.com/summer-concert-bookings.html> , or give us a call.

Summer Concert Rehearsal

All children will spend a full school day at Cullybackey College on Tuesday 21st June. This will be the only opportunity for kids to practise on the stage so it's an important day in preparation for the concert. Can you please arrange for children to arrive at Cullybackey College between 8.30am – 9.15am.

- Staff will meet children at the front door from 8.30am but I appreciate that traffic can be heavy so any time before 9.15 will be fine.
- All children should be collected at 2.30pm

P7 Leavers' Assembly

All parents of P7 pupils are warmly invited to join us for our Leavers' Assembly on Tuesday 28th June at 10.00am. The Assembly will last for approximately an hour, but there will be an opportunity for photos, refreshments and chat afterwards.

Prizes and Trophies

If your child received a trophy at Prize Day in school last year, could you please return to school by next Wednesday 15th June.

9am start in September

In September 2016, we will introduce a slightly changed morning routine. As usual, children may be dropped off at school from 8.30am, but **classes will now commence at 9.00am**, as opposed to 9.10am.

Seesaw

I know many of you have been enjoying the Seesaw app and communications this year. You may have received an email from Seesaw recently providing the opportunity to save all your child's work and photos from throughout the whole school year. Can I encourage you to save anything you may wish to keep, as the classes will most likely start from scratch again in September.

Cash for Clobber

The final Cash for Clobber collection this year will be on Thursday 16th June.

Summer Fair 2016

The Summer Fair in aid of school funds will take place on Friday 24th June 7.00 – 9.00pm. This is a new venture for us and hopefully it will be a nice way for all our families to come together at the end of the year.

Would you be willing to help with running a stall or activity for half an hour or an hour at the Summer Fair? Or even collect the money at an activity? If so, please let us know by completing the very short volunteer form on the school website, in the news and events section. Thank you! Click here to go straight to the volunteer form - <http://thediamondps.weebly.com/summer-fair-volunteering.html>



Other ways to help...

Cake Stall

We will have a 'home baking' sale as part of the fair – we'd really appreciate some home baked goods to sell. If you can help in this way, please send baked goods to the school on the morning of Friday 24th June.

Secret Squares

Our 'Secret Squares' activity requires around 100 prizes! If you have any unwanted gifts, bottles, books or any item that might be used as a prize, please send to us in school over the next couple of weeks. (Please don't send items that are used or damaged.)

Or...

If you feel you can help in any other way or if you'd like to donate a prize of any sort – please don't hesitate to contact me!!!!

European Referendum

Finally, can I remind you that we will be closed on Thursday 23rd June as the school is being used as a polling station for the upcoming European election.

Yours sincerely,



M Beattie (Principal)