

# Weekly News

## Friday 19th January, 2024

Dear Parents,

This week was sponsored by snow at The Diamond. Whilst it made journeys to school much longer, the children have had a wonderful time playing in the snow and working as a team to build snowmen and snow mountains. Please enjoy browsing a few snow pictures below.



### [Visit from Cullybackey Pipe Band](#)

The World Champion musicians from Cullybackey Pipe Band were due to visit our P4 to P7 children this week. As a result of the weather, this did not happen. We really look forward to welcoming them in the near future. Date to be confirmed.

## High 5 Friday

Next Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January, we will have our first 'High Five Friday'! The children will be given 5 extra minutes of play time at break and lunch time as a reward for all the efforts put in to bringing healthy breaks to school Monday to Thursday since starting back after Christmas. They may also want to bring a treat for their break too.



## P1 Admissions for September 2024

We are now into the last week for applications for P1 2024 so please note the closing date is next Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 12noon. Do not hesitate to get in contact with us if you have any queries. You will find key dates and information in the poster below. The EA website is also filled with lots of FAQs and where you will find the application link.

<https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions>



**Key Dates**  
September 2024 to  
June 2025 school year

**12 December 2023**  
Admissions Criteria published

**9 January 2024**  
Applications open at 12noon

**26 January 2024**  
Applications close at 12noon

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## PHA Guidance

As we are right in the heart of the winter months, bugs and viruses are never too far from school. Please see the poster at the end of the news sheet for advice as to when to keep your child at home and when it ok to send them back to school to prevent the spread of illnesses. We appreciate your support in this matter.

## Key Dates

January 2024	Activity
Sat 20th	P6-7 Cambridge House Open Morning
Mon 22nd	After School Choir
Wed 24th	Coaching for Christ - P2 and P4/5 After School Hockey Club starts back After School Football with Coaching for Christ starts back P6-7 Slemish College Open Night
Thurs 25th	P6-7 Slemish College Open Night
Fri 26th	P1 Applications Close Hockey Tournament High 5 Friday!
Sat 27th	P7 SEAG Results issued
Mon 29th	After School Choir
Tues 30th	MMD Multi Sport After School Programme 2-3pm: P1-P3 3-4pm: P4-P7
Wed 31st	Coaching for Christ - P2 and P4/5 After School Netball Club starts back After School Football with Coaching for Christ

February 2024	Activity
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup>	Children's Mental Health Awareness Week After School Choir
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup>	Safer Internet Day MMD Multi Sport After School Programme 2-3pm: P1-P3 3-4pm: P4-P7
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup>	Coaching for Christ - P2 and P4/5 After School Hockey Club After School Football with Coaching for Christ
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup>	Dairy Council visit to P5 and P6
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup>	Half Term School Holiday
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup>	Half Term School Holiday
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup>	Half Term School Holiday
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup>	Half Term School Holiday
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	Half Term School Holiday

Many thanks,

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# Do I need to keep my child off school?



<b>Chicken Pox</b> At least 5 days from onset of rash and until all spots have crusted over	<b>Conjunctivitis</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Diarrhea &amp; /or Vomiting</b> 48 hours from last episode	<b>Respiratory Illness</b> (e.g colds & flu) Can return when no longer have a high temperature and well enough	<b>Glandular Fever</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	
<b>Hand, foot &amp; mouth</b> No need to stay off if well enough, but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Impetigo</b> Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 hours after commencing antibiotics	<b>Head Lice</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Measles</b> 4 days from onset of rash	<b>Mumps</b> 5 days from onset of swelling	<b>German Measles (Rubella)</b> 5 days from onset of rash
<b>Scarlet Fever</b> 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	<b>Scabies</b> Until after first treatment	<b>Slapped Cheek</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Threadworms</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Tonsillitis</b> Can return when no longer have a temperature and well enough, school or nursery should be informed	<b>Whooping Cough</b> 48 hours after commencing antibiotics

Use this guide to find out when they should stay off, and when they can go back if they are well enough to do so.