



# Cool News

March 2024



## Safer Schools NI

Safer Schools NI is an app and portal that parents can access and which provides online safety advice. Notifications and alerts are sent which provide prompts and warnings for parents about online trends and threats, information about fake news and advice on social media and gaming platforms. To access this app:

- download it from your app provider
- Create an account by selecting parent/carer > register here
- Select Cooley PS and NU
- Type in entry code

Entry codes are available on the school online learning platforms: SeeSaw (Yr 1-4) and Google Classroom (Yr 5-7).

Parents of pupils in our Nursery Unit should contact Mrs Keys who will provide the entry code.

## Safeguarding Team

If you have any safeguarding concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to contact a member of our safeguarding team:

- Mrs Joy Carrothers (Designated Teacher)
- Mrs Julie Mitchell (Deputy Designated Teacher)
- Mrs Beth Keys (Deputy Designated Teacher)
- Mrs Gail Cuthbertson (Principal)
- Rev. Robert McFaul (Safeguarding Governor)
- Mrs Iris Clarke (Chair of Board of Governors)

**11th—15th Mar:** Literacy Week & Book Fair

**14th Mar:** Cooley Caterpillars

**18th Mar:** School Closed: Bank Holiday

**21st Mar:** Hooley in Cooley (PTA)

**25th Mar:** Sponsored Walk

**26th Mar:** Nursery Unit closes at 11 a.m., Primary School closes at 12 noon: **No school dinners.**  
Non-uniform: £1 donation, School Funds

**27th Mar—5th April:** School Closed: Easter Holidays

**15th—19th April:** Maths Week

**29th April—3rd May:** Eco Week

**6th May:** School Closed: Bank Holiday

**24th May:** School Closed: SDD

**27th May:** School Closed: Bank Holiday

**30th & 31st May:** Yr 6 & 7 Residential

**5th June:** Primary School Sport's Day

**6th June:** Yr 1 Parents Induction Meeting

**12th June:** Nursery Unit Sport's Day

**13th June:** Yr 1 Pupils Induction

**14th June:** Summer Fete

**All dates are subject to change.**

### **Easyfundraising**

When you are shopping online, please consider registering on the easyfundraising website and selecting our school as your cause. Once registered, access your favourite shopping websites via the portal and once you complete your purchase our school will receive a donation at no extra cost to you or to the school. The websites that you use and the purchases that you make remain confidential and are not disclosed to anyone in school.

### **Sponsored Walk**

Our School Council are organising a Sponsored Walk for Monday 25th March. On this day, all of our Yr 1-7 primary school pupils will walk for 3 miles around the school premises and pupils are seeking sponsorship for doing so. All proceeds will be shared between our school charity of the year, the Northern Ireland Air Ambulance and our school funds.

Sponsorship forms are attached and we would ask that these are returned, along with all monies, by Monday 25th March.

### **Book Fair**

Our Book Fair will be available in school from 11th to 14th March. It will be open between 8.45 - 9.15 a.m. and again from 2.15 - 4 p.m. This week will also be our Literacy week in school and various activities are planned in all classes throughout the week. World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March and we will be marking it by having a design and colour competition in the Nursery Unit and Primary School.

### **PTA**

The next PTA event will be a 'Hooley in Cooley' on Thursday 21st March, 7—9 p.m. This will be an evening of family fun which will include 'social' games and activities for people of all ages to enjoy and will include a Tuck Shop. The admission cost will be £5 per person, families £20, all payable on the evening. We hope that you will keep the date free in your diary and plan to attend along with your family and friends.

Plans are also underway for a Summer Fete on Friday 14th June. Please keep this date free and spread the word among friends and family. The PTA would welcome all offers of help on the evening, if you are able to help in any way please get in touch with a member of the PTA.

Our PTA have been successful in two recent funding applications. Funding has been secured to allow for the continuation of the Accelerated Reader programme in school, the purchase of new iPads and books. Further funding has also been secured which will pay part of the cost for the purchase of a new ActivPanel for the primary school. PTA funds will be utilised to meet the full cost of an ActivPanel and stand.

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