



# Cool News

February 2023

## **Breakfast Club**

Our school has now launched our Breakfast Club facility. This Club is available for our Yr 1-7 pupils every day from 8 a.m. at a cost of £2.50 per pupil. The Club is held in Room 2 and all pupils using the Club should access the Room via the front Classroom Doors for Rooms 2 and 4. Payment can be made via bank transfer or with cash.

For other pupils not using the Breakfast Club, supervision is available from 8:45 a.m. in classrooms.

## **Helping Out**

In Cooley P.S. & N.U we appreciate anyone who feels that they could help out in anyway in school. Perhaps you feel that you could help with staffing our Breakfast Club or supervising pupils on trips. It might even be helping to clean the school if cleaners are off sick or volunteering in our Nursery Unit.

If you feel that you could help in anyway, either in a paid or volunteer capacity please contact our school office.

## **Lost Property**

Please ensure that items of clothing and belongings are clearly labelled with your child's name. There are a number of items in our lost property. If you missing items of your child's uniform, please contact the school office.



**7th Feb:** Safer Internet Day

**16th—17th Feb:** Half-Term

**13th—23rd March:** Book Fair

**16th March:** School & Nursery closed: School Development Day

**17th March:** School & Nursery closed: St. Patrick's Day

**20th—24th March:** Maths Week

**31st March:** half-day (close at 12:30 & Nursery—11 am) Non-uniform

**3rd—14th April:** Easter Holidays

**17th—21st April:** Green Week

**1st May:** School & Nursery closed: Bank Holiday

**8th May:** School & Nursery closed: King's Coronation

**18th May:** School & Nursery closed: Election

**22nd May:** School & Nursery closed: School Development Day

**29th May:** School & Nursery closed: Bank Holiday

**30th—31st May:** Yr 7 Residential

**7th June:** School Sports Day

**All dates are subject to change.**

## Winter Weather

As the cold weather has now truly arrived we would like to remind all parents to ensure that children have a coat with them each day and possibly a hat, scarf and gloves. On snow days, pupils should bring a change of clothes, snowboots/wellie boots and a change of socks. Pupils without a change of boots and socks will not be permitted outside on snowy days.

On snowy and icy mornings, priority will be given to clearing the pathways at the front of the school, including to the Nursery entrance, the main school entrance and the front classroom doors. Yrs 1—4 should access the school via the front classroom doors on such mornings. Please take care when accessing the school premises on such days.

Should school be required to close in any exceptional circumstances, parents will be informed via a text message, our social media channels and the school website. When necessary, a phone call will also be made. Home learning will be delivered via SeeSaw when there is a whole school closure.

## Book Fair

Our Book Fair will be available in school from 13th to 23rd March. Each day it will be opened between 8.45 - 9.15 a.m. and again from 2.45 - 4 p.m. Various activities are planned throughout the duration of the fair. On 2nd March, as part of World Book Day, we are asking pupils to dress up as their favourite book character.

## Eco Committee

Our Eco Committee have been working on improving our litter picking practice in school. Each class has been allocated a time and area to collect litter around our school grounds. Home litter pick packs are now being sent home to individual families each weekend and our Eco Committee is asking that as a family you spend some time litter picking in your local environment.

## PTA

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January, Cooley PTA held their first ever Burns Night celebration, part funded by the Ulster Scots Agency. The performers during the evening included Cloughfin Pipe Band, Blacksessiagh Accordion Band, McClintock Highland Dancers, Miss Kathryn Bingham and Mr. Alistair Donaghy. A number of pupils from Cooley PS who are learning to drum also participated. The audience enjoyed Mr. Isaac Beattie's performance as he addressed the haggis and shared about Robert Burns and his life. The evening proved to be an enjoyable night. For many present it was their first experience of a Burns' Night and their first opportunity to have a taste of haggis. The PTA would like to thank everyone for their support.



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