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Dear Parents

Crotlieve DEA Crime Prevention Event

On 12/06/18 there will be a Crime Prevention Event at 7pm in Carrick Primary School. Everyone is welcome to attend this event which promises to be most informative and practical.

Transport/ Free School Meals/ Uniform/PE Uniform Assistance Application Forms

Please find attached information about free school meals/uniform allowances/PE uniform assistance. Additional information and help are available from the office for parents who wish to apply for meals, transport and/or uniform assistance for September 2018. Please apply even if there is only a small chance of success, as the school budget increases significantly if more children are receiving free school meals.

Audit of Books

The teachers will be completing the annual audit of books in June 2018. If you have any text books, library books, easy reads or reading books at home, even if they are from a few years ago, please send them into school. If you are clearing out and have books which you no longer need, please send them into school as they could be very useful to supplement existing resources. We are always grateful for books.

Primary 7

The P7 Leavers' Mass is scheduled for Tuesday 26th June 2018 at 10.30am in the Assembly Hall. Tea and Leavers' Cake will be served after Mass. The P7 classes will finish school on Tuesday 26th June 2018 at 12.30pm and P1-6 classes will finish on Friday 29th June 2018 at 12 noon.

Summer Concert

Our Annual Summer Concert took place on Thursday 7th June at 7.00pm. This involved Mrs McAufield's class, Mrs O'Hare's and Miss Fegan's P4 classes and the school's instrumentalists. Thank you to all the children who worked so hard in preparation for the concert and to Mrs McAufield, Mrs Clarke, Mrs O'Hare, Miss Fegan and to all the EA music tutors (Mr Peter Benson, Mr Jarlath Mulholland, Mr Danny O'Neill, Mrs Ita Mathers and Mrs Gemma Gray) for preparing the children for their performances and to the parents for encouraging the children so well.

Cúl Camp

Cúl Camp will take place in Burren between 06/08/18 - 10/08/18. Forms will be sent home to each family in the next few weeks.

Irish Classes

During May and June our Primary 7 pupils have been learning Irish in preparation for next year. The tutor is Miss Bronach Fegan and the children are really enjoying this new experience!

School Councillors Trip to Warrenpoint Port

Well done to the School Councillors who visited Warrenpoint Port to help with the planting of trees and shrubs, on Tuesday 5th June 2018. This visit was part of the school's ECO School Project. The children were accompanied by Mrs McCann (Green Flag Project Coordinator) and they really enjoyed the event.

Sports Day

Our Annual Sports Day was held on Friday 08/06/18. As always this was a great school and community event. Thanks to First Trust Bank, to Vivo (Bumpers), to the Fresh Food Centre (Warrenpoint) and to Tesco (Newry) for sponsoring the event.

Cross Country

Congratulations to all the boys and girls who competed in the annual Kilbroney Cross Country event on Tuesday 22nd May 2018. Well done to the following children who won medals: Farrah May Morgan 1st, Anna Downey 1st, Charlie Small 2nd, Conor Fearon 2nd, Hannah Sloan 2nd, Bláthnid McCarthy 3rd, Ava McArdle 3rd, Erin McGivern 5th, Robyn Cunningham 5th, Tara McGivern 6th, Dylan Cunningham 6th and Jay Cunningham 6th. Thank you to Mr Brian Laverty for preparing the children so well.

Gaelic Football News

Congratulations to the girls who participated in a Girls' Blitz on Friday 25th May 2018 in Hilltown. The girls played against a range of teams and qualified for the Quarter Finals. The girls then travelled to Saval on 08/06/18 and have qualified for the League Final.

The boys travelled to Hilltown to participate in the Connor McConville Tournament on Wednesday 6th June 2018 and played some great football in blistering conditions. The boys qualified for a spot in the semi-final and defeated Mayobridge after extra time, but unfortunately were then defeated by a very strong Kilcoo side in the final!

Thanks to Jim, Daniel, David and Sean for all their coaching, support and encouragement.

Good luck to the boys and girls as they prepare for the rest of the football league games and blitzes and for the Canon Esler Shield Final, against Kilcoo.

Congratulations to Shea Begley who represented Carrick Primary School at half-time in the Down v Antrim Championship Match in Pairc Esler on Saturday 26th May 2018. Well done Shea.

Bills for Dinners and Musical Tuition

Could parents please check that all dinner money bills and music bills are settled as soon as possible.

Annual Reports

The Annual Reports will be issued to all pupils on Monday 18th June 2018. Parents are invited to sign and to comment on the reports. **Your comments are very important to us and will be used to continue to improve standards within the school.**

ICT Awards:

Congratulations to the children who were recently awarded prizes for great effort in their achievements in ICT. The winners were as follows: Shay McLoughlin, Dylan McAvoy, Amira Aboudah, Jack Ryan, Pdraig McMahon, Maisie McFerran, James Toner, Keelin Begley, Jarlath Braham, Orla Byrne, Conall McMeel, Eoghan Rooney, Aoife Sherry, Fianna McGivern, Emily Bassom, Ella Murphy, Farah May Morgan, Sally McClorey, Anna Toner, Matthew Carr, Cadan

Mussen, Lucy Elmore, Maia Murdock, Jack McLoughlin, Molly Garvey, Eadaoin Moore, Kate Mansfield, Emily Keenan and Sarah Drummond

Cowboy Day

Thank you to all those who supported our recent Sponsored Cowboys and Cowgirls Day in Carrick Primary School. The boys, girls and staff dressed up as cowboys and cowgirls and enjoyed some line dancing, jiving and a Cowboy Supper, (Texas Burgers, Skinny Fries, Ranch Beans, Chocolate Cookies and some Moonshine!) The event raised a superb £4190 and this money will be used to purchase paint, glue, photocopying paper and other classroom essentials for next year. Thank you to everyone for supporting this event and to Mr and Mrs Lennon who sponsored the event, with every child getting a bottle of water and a milky bar!

Awards

At the end of each month at assembly, children are rewarded for trying very hard in particular subjects or in school activities or for good behaviour in class, in the dining hall or in the playground. Our Annual Awards Day is scheduled for Thursday 14th June 2018.

Blood Donation Event

Thank you to all those who attended the recent Blood Donation Event. Your support is very much appreciated. 76 donors attended the event and units of blood were donated. Many thanks!

Easy Fundraising

Thank you for all those who have helped to raise **£493** for Carrick Primary School since October 2017 through the Easy Fundraising Scheme. We currently have 61 supporters. Remember you can book hotels, flights, holiday tickets and can buy from many retailers including Tesco, Sainsburys, Amazon and many others and make money for Carrick Primary School.

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3....

1. Go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendscarrickps/> and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first, to find the site you want and start shopping.
3. After you have checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever!

Another option is to:

1. Go into your App Store;
2. Search Easy Fundraising;
3. Download;
4. Create an Account/Log in;
5. Click "Support a good cause";
6. Search Carrick Primary School; and
7. Click Support

There are no catches or hidden charges and Carrick Primary School would be really grateful for your donations. If you experience any difficulty registering with easyfundraising please contact the school and we will be happy to assist.

GAA

If anyone has football boots at home which their sons or daughters have outgrown, please leave them into school as we have some pupils who occasionally forget their boots and need to borrow some from the store. We would appreciate this.

Early Exits

If a child is taken out of school early, could parents please: send in a note to inform the teacher or ring the school secretary; collect the child from the classroom; and sign the exit book when collecting the child.

Burren Football Gear

Football gear for St Mary's Club, Burren is available from Mr Jim McGivern (028 417 73655) and from Mr James McGrath (07720812991).

Extra-Curricular Activities in June

Mondays	P4-7	Soccer	3.00-4.00pm
Tuesdays	P6	Maths and English Club	3.00-4.15pm
Tuesday	P7	Irish Classes	1.30-2.30pm
Wednesdays	P5-7	Choir	3.00-3.30pm
Fridays	P4-7	Camogie/ Hurling Training	3.00-4.00pm
Fridays	P4/5	Gaelic Football Training	2.00-3.00pm
Fridays	P6/7	Gaelic Football Training	3.00-4.00pm

Notes will be circulated to the pupils, which will provide more details about the activities on offer.

Sentinus STEM Challenge

During April and May, the P7 children were involved in a six-week STEM Programme designing Formula 1 cars. Their designs and products were judged by Mr Eamon McPolin (St Mark's Technology Department) and A Level Technology Students. The winning teams participated in a Jaguar Formula 1 Primary School STEM Challenge in Ballymena and Team 1 won a trophy for their presentation and project work. Well done to the boys and girls and to Mr Murdock for preparing the children.

Rights Respecting School (RRS)Project

Our Rights Respecting School Project is developing well, thanks to the great work of Carrick Council, the pupils, staff, parents and Governors. Please visit our website to view the work we have done so far as part of the RRS Project (www.carrickprimaryschool.com) and also to see the children's RRS quizzes and games which are available on our website. At assemblies the children are learning about the 42 Rights from the United Nations' Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Many thanks for your continued support and cooperation.

Yours faithfully
Mrs Amanda Duffin
Mrs Mary McCann
Mrs Anne Cassidy
(Leadership Team)