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Dear Parents

Easy Fundraising

Thank you for all those who have helped to raise **£230.20** for Carrick Primary School since October 2017 through the Easy Fundraising Scheme. We currently have 59 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.

Girls Indoor Football

Congratulations to the girls who played in the Co Down Finals on Friday 23rd February 2018 but unfortunately were beaten by St Joseph's Carryduff in the final, after wins over Hilltown, St Ita's, Glenn and Aughlinafin. Thanks to Jim, Daniel, David and Sean for all the coaching.

The team included: Caitlin Ryan, Mary Kate McMahon, Anna Magill, Hannah Sloan, Anna Downey, Kelsi Gaffney, Lily Magee, Charlie Jo Woods O'Hanlon, Lucy Kelly, Amelia Magee, Maia Murdock and Keeva Fitzpatrick.

The scores were as follows:

Carrick Primary School 2-2 v St Ita's 0-8

Carrick Primary School 0-6 v Glenn 0-1

Carrick Primary School 1-2 v Clonduff 0-4

Carrick Primary School 0-4 v Aughlinafin 0-3 (after extra time)

Carrick Primary School 0-0 v Carryduff 1-3 (final)

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.

Afternoon Tea and Fashion Show

The Head Injury Support Group has organised a Fashion Show and Afternoon Tea event in St Bronagh's Social Club, Rostrevor on Sunday 25th March 2018 at 2pm. Admission is £15.

Healthy Me Project

Recently the P6 and P7 children participated in "Healthy Me" training. The children really enjoyed the event and found it very informative and equipped the children with important skills. Thank you to Mr Collie Loughran for coordinating the event.

Irish News: Coaching Day Tokens

We are currently collecting Irish News Coaching Tokens which were printed in the paper each day until 10th March 2018. Please send the tokens into school as we need as many tokens as possible to be in with a chance of winning one of the coaching days.

Christmas Play DVD

A few copies of the P1/5/7 Christmas Plays 2017 are still available from the school office at a cost of £6.

P6 Parents' Meeting re. GL Assessments

A meeting for the P6 parents has been organised for 14th March 2018 from 2.15-2.45pm in relation to the GL Assessments which will take place in November 2018. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Maths and English Club

The P6 Maths and English Club runs each Tuesday from 3.00-4.15pm and is open to all Primary 6 children. Please send in a healthy snack for your child to eat before the club starts.

Blood Donation Event

The next Blood Donation Event is scheduled for 19th April 2018 from 2.30-4.00pm and from 5.15-8.00pm. Please come along to this event and make it even more successful than our previous sessions.

Holidays

Monday 19th March 2018 – Children on Holiday

Tuesday 20th March 2018 - School Development Day 5 (Children on Holiday)

Friday 30th March 2018 – Monday 9th April 2018 - (Inclusive) Easter Holidays

Monday 9th April 2018– Baker Day 3 (Children on Holiday)

Tuesday 10th April 2018- Term 3 starts for children

Monday 7th May 2018 - Children on Holiday

Tuesday 8th May 2018– Baker Day 4 (Children on Holiday)

Monday 28th May 2018– Children on Holiday

Tuesday 29th May 2018– Baker Day 5 (Children on Holiday)

Preparation for Confirmation 2018

The Primary Seven children are preparing for their Confirmation. We will be including these young people in a special way in a number of our weekend Masses. By doing this we hope to show them our support and encouragement as they approach this important, religious moment in their lives. The details are as follows:

Mass 2: Called by Name

Church: St Mary's Church, Burren

Date and Time: Saturday 28th April 2018 at 7.30pm

Confirmation Ceremony

Church: St Mary's Church, Burren

Date and Time: Thursday 10th May 2018 at 6.00pm

First Holy Communion Ceremony

Church: St Mary's Church, Burren

Date and Time: Saturday 5th May 2018 at 11.00am

Everyone is welcome to attend!

First Holy Communion

A number of parents have approached the school to say that they have Communion dresses which could be lent out to any family who wanted to borrow a dress for First Holy Communion. Please feel free to contact the Principal's office, and this can be arranged confidentially.

St Vincent de Paul

The Burren Conference of St Vincent de Paul can provide help for any individual or family who is in need of assistance, including help with preparations for Confirmation, First Holy Communion and/or with sports/PE gear for school or for club training and/or matches. If you would like to find out more about the work of St Vincent de Paul or would like to avail of some assistance, please phone 07562069337. All enquiries are completely confidential.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Mondays	P4-7	Soccer	3.00-4.00pm
Tuesdays	P6	Maths and English Club	3.00-4.15pm
Tuesdays	P4-7	Art	3.00-4.00pm
Tuesdays	P4-7	Tennis (recommences 13/03/18)	3.00-4.00pm
Wednesdays	P5-7	Choir	3.00-3.30pm
Thursdays	P4-7	Gymnastics Class	3.00-4.00pm
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.

Internet Safety

Our Primary 6 and Primary 7 classes will be attending Internet Safety Workshops on Thursday 22nd March 2018 as part of our Care and Welfare Project. These have been organised by the PSNI's Community Police Service. There will also be a Parents' Evening in relation to Internet Safety on Monday 16th April 2018 at 7pm in Warrenpoint Town Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend this event, which promises to be most informative and enjoyable.

Traffic at Hometown

Can we ask all those dropping off or collecting children at the school, to be extra careful and to observe the normal rules of a roundabout. Children must not disembark or climb into cars until cars have parked. We appreciate that it can be frustrating having to wait in the queue until the traffic moves on but we would ask everyone to exercise caution so as to try and avoid accidents. **Could we also ask drivers to ensure that parking spaces are always available at the front of the school for disabled drivers.**

Health Needs

Children Pox, Shingles and Measles pose a significant risk to one of our Primary Five pupils, who is recovering from leukaemia. Could you please contact the school immediately if your child develops any of the above conditions, so that we can relay the information to the relevant family.

In addition, a child in the Primary 5 year group and a child in Primary 7 year group have severe nut allergies. Reactions can be fatal. Consequently, I would ask you to avoid sending in nuts or nut products. I would appreciate your co-operation with regard to this matter.

Contact Numbers

We are currently updating our contact numbers on the school's computer system and would ask parents to inform the school of any changes in addresses, home telephone numbers, work telephone numbers and/or mobile numbers.

Healthy Schools

Carrick Primary School is involved in the Healthy Schools initiative. Could parents please send in healthy snacks for break time. The children are also encouraged to bring in a bottle of water to school each day.

C2K News Desk

The C2K News Desk provides many enjoyable opportunities for pupils to express their views and develop their interest in reading and writing articles about subjects across the curriculum. It also offers readers the opportunity to have their own views and opinions published.

It is a great resource for developing children's Literacy both in school and at home and we would ask you to encourage the children to access the News Desk.

The children need to have their C2K school login details and password in order to log in.

How to access the news desk:

- www.carrickprimaryschool.com
- Kids area
- C2K Login
- Username and password
- C2Knewsdesk

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.

Many thanks for your continued support and cooperation.

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