



Principal: Mrs Anne Cassidy

**61Ballydesland Road
Burren
Warrenpoint
NEWRY
Co Down
BT34 3QA**

**☎ (028) 41752448
✉ (028) 41752448
acassidy452@c2kni.net**

20th February 2020

Dear Parents

Parents' Evening: Healthy Me

A Parents' Evening will take place at 7pm on Tuesday 25th February 2020. The focus will be Healthy Food-Healthy Me. Mrs Claire McMahon will be the Guest Speaker and she will speak about how parents can help their children to make healthier and happier food choices. The second Parents' Evening will take place on Tuesday 25th March 2020 and it will focus on the importance of exercise and how to help children to enjoy exercise.

Grandparents' Assembly

Thanks to all those who attended our Grandparents' assembly on 4th February. We thank God for the time and care Grandparents give to their grandchildren.

Christmas Play DVD

A few copies of the P1/5/7 Christmas Plays 2019 are still available from the school office at a cost of £6.

Ash Wednesday 26th February 2020

Pupils from Primary 4-7 classes are invited to attend Mass on Ash Wednesday 26th February 2020 in St Mary's Church, Burren at 9.00am. Pupils are encouraged to come into school early and walk up to the Church with their class teacher and classroom assistant (where relevant). Alternatively, pupils can be dropped off at the Church.

Ashes will be distributed to the Primary 1-3 classes, following the Ash Wednesday Mass, to the pupils who wish to receive them.

School Fees

Thank you to all the parents who have sent in school fees so far (72% of families). It has been the tradition for parents to make an annual voluntary contribution to the school, to help to supplement the school budget, which has decreased by £71000 over the past 3 years. The fee for one pupil is £25, two pupils £40 and more than two pupils £45 and this is used to buy essential school resources. Thank you so much for all your support, it is very much appreciated. If you haven't yet sent in your school fees, could you send them in as soon as possible please, as we are really depending upon them to buy basic school resources.

Maths and English Club

The P6 Maths and English Club began on Tuesday 14th January 2020 from 3.00-4.15pm and will run until 23rd June 2020. All P6 children are very welcome.

P6 Parents' Meeting re. GL Assessments

A meeting for the P6 parents has been organised for Wednesday 11th March 2020 from 2.15-2.45pm in relation to the GL Assessments which will take place in November 2020.

Lego

There has been a great resurgence in the children's interest in Lego. If any family has Lego which they no longer want, the school would certainly be able to put it to good use. Any donations of Lego would be very much appreciated.

Join the Library

Many of our pupils participated in Warrenpoint Library's Summer Reading Challenge in 2019 and enjoyed reading some fantastic books. We would encourage all parents to enrol their children in Warrenpoint Library and to access a super selection of quality books. Children can borrow up to 9 books at a time and the service is completely free. For more information, please call into Warrenpoint Library or visit www.librariesni.org.uk

Child Protection Safeguarding Team

Mrs Claire Kelly is the Designated Teacher for Child Protection/Safeguarding while Mrs Patricia McPolin and Mr David Keenan are the Deputy Designated Teachers for Child Protection/Safeguarding. Please contact the Designated Teachers or any member of staff if you have any concerns re Child Protection/ Safeguarding.

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. Fruit Fridays/Feet First events will take place on 6th March 2020 and 15th May 2020.

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; call at the office to collect your child; and also sign the exit book.

Burren Football Gear

Football gear for St Mary's Club, Burren is available from Mr James McGrath (07720812991).

Archived Videos

We have archived videos of over 34 school plays and events from 1994 onwards. These are available via the internet. Please google Carrick Primary School Vimeo to access these lovely memories!

Traffic at Hometime

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.**

Road Safety

We are asking parents to reinforce road and vehicle safety messages at home, particularly in relation to wearing seatbelts on the bus and in the car and crossing roads safely.

St Vincent de Paul

St Vincent de Paul has asked us to let parents know that they can provide assistance to any family in need. Please contact St Vincent de Paul on 028 302 67590 or on 07562069337 if you would like any further information.

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.

GAA: Girls' Indoor Camogie

Congratulations to the girls who participated in the Indoor Camogie Competition on Tuesday 7th February 2020.

Thanks to Miss Fegan, Mrs O'Hare, Oran Murney and Conaire McMahon for all their coaching and encouragement.

Holidays in Term 2 and Term 3

March -	Monday 16/03/20	Holiday
	Tuesday 17/03/20	Holiday
April -	Friday 10/04/20 – Monday 20/04/20	Easter Holidays (Inclusive)
	Monday 20/04/20	School Development Day 3 (Children on Holiday)
	Tuesday 21/04/20	Term 3 starts for Children
May -	Monday 04/05/20	Holiday
	Tuesday 05/05/20	School Development Day 4 (Children on Holiday)
	Monday 25/05/20	School Development Day 5 (Children on Holiday)

Carrick Primary School is due to close for the Summer Holidays at 12 noon on Tuesday 30th June 2020

Confirmation and Communion Ceremonies

- First Holy Communion will take place on Saturday 9th May 2020 at 11.00am.
- Confirmation is scheduled to take place on Thursday 28th May 2020 at 6pm.

McAnulty's Bus

McAnulty's Bus runs from the bottom of the Bridal Loanan, Warrenpoint (Leaving at 8.30am) and travels along the Upper Dromore Road and up Milltown Street to Carrick Primary School each morning and completes the reverse of this journey each evening, leaving the school at 2.40pm. If you would like more information about this bus service, please contact McAnulty's on 028 417 52228.

Extra-Curricular Activities

During Term 2 the following extra-curricular activities will be available:

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	3.00-4.00pm (beginning 04/02/20)
Wednesdays	P5-7	Choir	3.00-3.30pm
Wednesdays	P5-7	Irish	4.00-5.00pm
Thursdays	P4-7	Gymnastics	3.00-4.00pm
Thursdays	P4-7	HipHop	3.00-4.00pm
Fridays	P4-7	Camogie/ Hurling Training	3.00-4.00pm
Fridays	P4/5	P6/7 Gaelic Football Training	2.00-3.00pm/ 3.00-4.00pm

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

Blood Donation Event

Thank you to all those who attended our Blood Donation Event. Your support is very much appreciated.

School Dinners

The cost of a school dinner is £2.60 per day or £13 per week. Please make cheques payable to Carrick Primary School. Prompt payment is very much appreciated.

Easy Fundraising

Thank you for all those who have helped to raise almost **£1000** for Carrick Primary School since October 2017 through the Easy Fundraising Scheme. We currently have almost 70 supporters. Remember you can book hotels, flights, holiday tickets and can buy from many retailers including Tesco, Sainsbury, Amazon 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.

School Council

Please find attached our School Council Newsletter and our Rights Respecting Newsletter for February 2020.

Many thanks for your continued support and cooperation.

Yours faithfully

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