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Dear Parents

### **Friends of Carrick**

On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018 the Friends of Carrick Committee Members presented the school with a cheque for £6000. The money was raised through a number of fund raising ventures in 2017 including the Keepie Uppie Day, the trip to Kildare Village and the Down GAA Draw. Many thanks to all those who supported these events.

### **Toy, Book, Bric-a-Brac and Bun Sale**

On **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018** there will be a Toy, Book, Bun and Bric-a-Brac Sale. Please encourage the children to keep bringing in toys, books, buns and bric-a-brac for this fundraising event. The money raised will go towards Trocaire, NSPCC, School Funds and Newry Hospice.

### **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.

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.

### **Cowboy Day**

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May there will be a Sponsored Cowboy Day in Carrick Primary School. The boys and girls and staff are invited to dress up as cowboys/or cowgirls and to partake in some line dancing and jiving! At lunch time the children will be able to enjoy a Cowboy Supper and some Moonshine! Hats and other cowboy/cowgirl essentials will be on sale shortly, from the school.

### **Drop Off Facility**

The Board of Governors, with the help of Mr Brendan Quinn, has submitted an application for a Drop Off Facility at Carrick, in an effort to reduce congestion at the school. However, CCMS has informed us that there has been no progress so far in relation to our project. Nonetheless the Governors will keep liaising with CCMS, EA and DE in order to progress this much needed scheme.

### **Sustrans Active Schools Travel**

In March 2018, Carrick Primary School submitted an application to participate in the Sustrans Active Schools Travel project. The aims of the project include:

- Promoting children's physical activity levels;
- Reducing traffic congestion; and
- Improving children's road safety awareness.

If the application is successful, the school will be implementing the project from September 2018.

### **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 19<sup>th</sup> 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**

**School closes for Easter at 12noon on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2018 – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018 - (Inclusive) Easter Holidays

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018– Baker Day 3 (Children on Holiday)

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2018- Term 3 starts for children

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2018 - Children on Holiday

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018– Baker Day 4 (Children on Holiday)

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2018– Children on Holiday

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 7.30pm

### Confirmation Ceremony

**Church:** St Mary's Church, Burren

**Date and Time:** Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 6.00pm

### First Holy Communion Ceremony

**Church:** St Mary's Church, Burren

**Date and Time:** Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> 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
Mondays	P7	STEM Project	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
Tuesdays	P5	Coding Club	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 attended Internet Safety Workshops on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018** at 7pm in Warrenpoint Town Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend this event, which promises to be most informative and enjoyable.

### 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 1-year group, the Primary 5-year group and in the 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.

### **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.**

### **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](http://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)