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Dear Parents

Welcome back to Term 2

Christmas 2017

On behalf of the staff members of Carrick PS, we would like to say thank you to the pupils and parents for all the Christmas cards, gifts and good wishes we received in December 2017. Your kindness is really appreciated. Thank you also for supporting the annual shoebox appeal. Over 100 shoeboxes were sent off to Eastern Europe in mid- December.

Applications for Primary One places in September 2018

Applications forms for places in Primary One in September 2018 are now available from the office. Please complete and return the forms by Wednesday 10th January 2018.

Parents' Evening: Healthy Me

A Parents' Evening has been organised for Monday 5th February 2018 from 7.00-8.00pm. The "Healthy Me" Programme is a mental health promotion programme which is delivered by the staff of Action Mental Health. It is designed to raise awareness of mental health and wellbeing. The staff members of Carrick PS have already accessed "Healthy Me" training and found it really beneficial and very relevant and the children will also be participating in "Healthy Me" Workshops in February 2018. We would therefore invite all parents to attend the "Healthy Me" Parents' Night on 05/02/18 as it promises to be an informative and thought provoking event, which will equip parents with some of the skills which are needed to help children (and themselves) to maintain and improve their wellbeing and mental health.

Tea/coffee will be served from 6.45pm onwards in the Assembly Hall. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

Pantomime

The Grand Opera House has announced this year's must-see pantomime Peter Pan, starring the Queen of Comedy, May McFettridge. Packed with all of the traditional ingredients Grand Opera House audiences have come to expect, Peter Pan features laugh out loud comedy, stunning scenery, beautiful costumes and plenty of boos and hisses.

P3 and P4 – 11th January 2018

P5, P6 and P7 – 12th January 2018

St Vincent de Paul

The St Vincent de Paul members are very aware that there are many financial demands on parents at this time of year. **In order to assist as many families as possible, the Burren conference of St Vincent de Paul, has offered to cover the cost of the buses to the Christmas Pantomime in Belfast in January 2018.** We would like to thank them most sincerely for helping parents in this way. St Vincent de Paul has also 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.

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.

Maths and English Club

The P6 Maths and English Club begins on Tuesday 16th January 2018 from 3.00-4.00pm. Please send in a healthy snack for your child to eat before the club starts.

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 breaktime. The children are also encouraged to bring in a bottle of water to school each day.

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.

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 please.

Mid-Term Break

Arrangements for Mid-Term break are as follows:
Thursday 15th February 2018 – Children on Holiday
Friday 16th February 2018 – Children on Holiday
Monday 19th February 2018 – Children on Holiday

Confirmation and Communion Ceremonies

First Holy Communion will take place on Saturday 5th May 2018 at 11.00am and Confirmation is scheduled to take place on Thursday 10th May 2018 at 6pm.

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 would be very much appreciated.

Archived Videos

We have archived videos of over 32 school plays and events from 1994 onwards. These are available via the internet. Please google Carrick Primary School Vimeo to access these lovely memories!

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).

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 1 the following extra-curricular activities will be available:

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| 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 |
| 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 | 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.

C2K News Desk

The upgraded C2K News Desk has been launched recently and is available to all pupils both in school and at home. 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

Many thanks for your continued support and cooperation.

Yours faithfully

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Mrs Anne Cassidy
(Leadership Team)