

EDUCATION AUTHORITY SOUTHERN REGION
MULLAVILLY PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parent/Guardian

As we approach the end of a long Term 2, I wanted to provide you all with some important updates and key dates as we move into Term 3.

I would first like to thank parents for their continued support of our school. Your fundraising efforts this term, including Break the Rules Day, the book sale and the school quiz, have been nothing short of outstanding. Plans are being made to spend a lot of that in the next few weeks. As I have said previously, it is very important that parents and the wider community feel those efforts to raise funds for our school are being spent wisely for the benefit of your children. I look forward to sharing with you how that money will be spent.

We have had a number of exciting events in Term 2b. Our World Book Day celebrations were a huge success, with a key central aim of instilling a love of reading, an ongoing passion of everyone in school, being driven by the inspiring Mrs Innocenzi. Our new library is up and running, expertly organised by Mrs McCully and each class will soon have designated reading champions to help encourage and inspire each other. As part of that, we were so lucky to have a very special experience inside a story dome, as Vicky shared some amazing stories which were animated on the walls and ceiling of the dome. The children loved the experience, and we were delighted to be able to invite Tandragee Primary School P2 classes along as well. A great night was had by all at our school quiz with a very successful raffle as well. Thank you to the Friends of Mullavilly and all the staff who helped on the night. Finally, our P6/7 children had a wonderful time on their school trip to the Share Discovery Village. Please check out all the photos and reports on our school website. Thank you to Mrs Riddle and Mrs Pearson for looking after the children so well.

Moving forward into Term 3, some children may have seen Mrs McClimonds in the school office over the last 2 days. Mrs McClimonds has not yet returned to work, and I wanted to let you all know that I will be continuing in my role of acting principal moving forwards. I will continue to work in the office every Friday. I am pleased to be able to confirm that Mrs Jackson will be continuing to teach P5/6 every Friday. I am also pleased to confirm that Mrs O'Hara will continue to provide SEN support and withdrawal every Thursday and Friday. We are funding this ourselves from an already tight school budget which we hope demonstrates that our number one priority continues to be the amazing boys and girls that we are privileged to teach every day and helping them to reach their undoubted potential.

Finally, I would like to let you know in advance some key dates coming up in Term 2b:

Term 3 Key dates:

1. 28th April – Term 3 begins
2. 5th May – School closed for May day bank holiday
3. 7th May – Special 80th anniversary VE day celebrations at church (VE day is the 8th) – more details to follow

4. 12th May – P5/6 Dairy Council workshop
5. 12th May – Primary 7 Leavers photographs – full school uniform and bring a change of non-uniform clothes as well
6. 19th May – start of assessment week
7. 20th May – P3/4 and P6/7 NSPCC workshops
8. 26th May – School closed bank holiday
9. 27th May – P5/6 class trip to Ulster Museum
10. 29th May – School fair – details TBC
11. 30th May – P1 class trip to C+J's Animal Park
12. 30th May – P6/7 visiting RAPID
13. 4th June – Sports Day (children may go home at the conclusion of Sports Day)
14. 5th June – P6 + P7 Love for Life workshop – details including permission to follow in advance
15. 10th June – New P1 induction 2.30 – 3.00pm
16. 17th June – New P1 outdoor play session
17. 19th June – P7 leavers assembly 9.15am
18. 20th June – reports sent home and P7's last day
19. 27th June – Last day of school year

As you can see, we have a busy and exciting term ahead.

If you have any queries regarding the above information, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Yours sincerely



P Ritchie (Acting Principal)