



GIBSON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent

As we approach the end of another academic year, I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on a number of key events and arrangements for next week and beyond.

Retirement of Staff

This year we have 3 members of staff who are retiring. Miss Adams, Mrs Black and Mrs Karena McFall are all finishing in June.

- Miss Adams has been in Gibson Primary School since 1990 having taught for a few years in other schools before that. She has been the mainstay of our Year 1 and 2 classes for over three decades.
- Mrs Black has been in Gibson Primary School since 2002 having taught in Ebrington Primary School in Londonderry prior to coming here. Mrs Black has taught every year group from Year 3 up in our school, but more recently has been located at the upper end of the school.

Both of these teachers will be sorely missed, although we wish them a long, happy and healthy retirement.

Mrs Jo-Anne Anderson is moving from Ebrington Primary School to replace Miss Adams, while Mrs Jayne Baird is moving from Gillygooley Primary School to replace Mrs Black. We look forward to welcoming them to our school in September.

- Mrs Karena McFall is also retiring in June having worked as a Classroom Assistant in Gibson for almost 20 years. Not only is Karena a fantastic Classroom Assistant she was also the brains (along with others) behind all our events including the Christmas Experience and 50th Celebrations. She will also be sorely missed, and we wish her well.

The PTA will be recognising these staff members on behalf of our parents at our Big Birthday Bash Fun Night next Tuesday.

Big Birthday Bash Fun Night

Our Annual PTA Fun Night is being amended slightly to celebrate the 50th Anniversary and is being held on Tuesday 27 June from 7.00 – 9.00pm. There will be tea/coffee and cake for all adults and many fun events for our pupils.

Our raffles have been on sale in school this week and will remain on sale until the events. These tickets cost £1 per strip.

Raffle 1 is for a child's scooter

Raffle 2 has a variety of prizes

- Mobile Clothes line worth over £200
- Silverbirches Hotel Sunday Lunch for 2 voucher
- McGuigan's Autocare Full Car Valet - worth £60
- £50 Milan Voucher
- Joe McKay Photography Photoshoot - worth £70
- Railway Cottage Hamper
- £60 voucher for Ross Harbour

Thanks go to our parents who have donated including D Armstrong, S Maxwell, L McGuigan, C Martin and R Kee.

Reports and Class Swap

Pupil's individual class report will be sent home on Tuesday. Along with this report will be letters outlining arrangements for next year including start dates and who your child's new teacher will be. To help make the transition as easy as possible the children will visit their new class teacher on Tuesday morning and have an opportunity to hear about some of the things, they will be doing next year.

Dinner Menu Change

As previously indicated, we will have a change of menu next week to facilitate the Year 7 Leavers' Assembly.

- Wednesday the main course will be Roast Turkey or Sausage & Bean Pie
- Thursday the main course will be Chicken Curry or Crumbed Fish
- Friday will be a Fun Day Lunch (Sausages & Chips with ice lolly)

End of Term Arrangements

Pupils finish next Friday 30 June. To help with car parking we run a staggered finish as outlined below:

- Year 1 – 3 pupils finish at 12.30pm
- Year 4 – 7 pupils finish at 1.00pm

If you have a child in Y1-3 and wish to collect an older sibling in Y4-7 at 12.30pm as well please let the office know early next week as we need to plan dinners for these older pupils.

September Arrangements

We re-open to pupils on Wednesday 30 August. Arrangements for the first week are as outlined below:

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| • Wednesday 30 August | Y2 – 3 finish at 12.30pm; Y4 – 7 finish at 1.00pm |
| • Thursday 31 August | Y2 – 3 finish at 12.30pm; Y4 – 7 finish at 1.00pm |
| • Friday 1 September | Normal finishing times apply
(Y2 – 3 finish at 2.15pm; Y4 – 7 finish at 3.00pm) |

Please note School Dinners will be served as normal on these days. The new menu will be placed on our website in August.

I look forward to seeing you at some of our events next week and hope for dry weather on Tuesday evening!

Yours sincerely

K. Sterritt

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