

# Weekly Bulletin 03.04.25

### **COMPUTER GLITCH**

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Unusually the Parents App had a glitch last weekend for booking. This was quickly resolved and the company has given reassurances to many schools that they have corrected the issue and have safeguards for the future. Thank you for your patience in using our alternative system created at the weekend when we realised some parents had a problem.

### **PEOPLE WHO HELP US IN SCHOOL**

We have a very clear strategy in place for children to get all kinds of help needed. If this is of a Pastoral nature – children know they have assistants, teachers, Heads of Year, Vice-Principal and Principal to chat to.

Should your child bring home an upset, we appreciate this can impact family life.

- Please try the following:
- Ask your child did they tell any adult in school.
- Try to get your child to identify the scale of their upset.
  - e.g. Has this happened once? If more than once – how often? What did you do? How has this affected you? How do you think we could fix this? etc.
- Send a query message to the teacher to get them to investigate/find out details if it is an important issue.

Be assured, we always follow up on any upset a child/parent brings to us if it is impacting a pupil.

As pupils grow older, they become more independent and resilient for their life ahead in Post Primary School, but we still intervene if a child needs help to support them.

Should a child appear overly emotional/upset about something that has happened outside of school, at home, we will be in contact with you as parents, if appropriate, to follow this up.

Contacts: After the class teacher -

Head of -	Yr 1	Mrs Hyde.
	Yr 2	Mrs Irwin.
	Yr 3	Mrs Brown.
	Yr 4	Mrs Barrow.
	Yr 5	Mrs K Robinson.
	Yr 6	Mrs Ewart.
	Yr 7	Mrs Watson
V.P.	Mr Joyce	
Principal	Mrs Mulligan	
SEN Issues	Please contact Mrs Stewart or Mrs Kennedy	

### COMMUNICATION

Positive communication between school and home is essential.

EA has very clear guidance about communication being acceptable within school working hours (8:30 - 4:30pm).

Seesaw/email correspondences are short "message giving" methods to convey vital information. Should there be a problem/issue to discuss, that is lengthy, there should be a phone call/meeting request to the teacher, Head of Year, SEN Team, Vice Principal or Principal. It is appreciated and expected that all parties are mannerly and pleasant in order for discussions to take place and resolutions found in a non-judgemental way. Thank you for treating our staff with respect.

As in all public sector bodies, EA does not permit abuse or aggression towards staff in schools to be tolerated.

We are thankful this type of behaviour is very rarely evident in our school community, and this is appreciated. Thank you for supporting our staff in their work positively.

## **MUSIC FEES - APRIL**

Please ensure all Music Fees are up to date. 1<sup>st</sup> April was the deadline for Term 3 lessons.

#### **P1 LETTERS**

Any parent who made application for a P1 place for their child, will receive a letter from EA and school on  $9^{\text{th}}$  April with the outcome of this application.

Should you, or anyone you know, not receive a letter, please contact the school office (02893 322389).

Thank you

## **PLANT SALE**

Thank you to all parents and pupils who purchased one plant or more, for our fundraiser. This FOBPS venture made £760.55 in profit so far. Well Done!

#### **SILENT NEON DISCO P5-7**

Our tickets for the digital Disco, which enables all pupils to have their own headset, are selling at a pace. Please book your child on if they would like to give it a try - by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April! It suits all children who are happy to wear headphones and it is certainly something different! Check out our media post about this.

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