

March 2017



<u>Rights Respecting School</u>

Article 27: Every child has the right to a standard of living that is good enough to meet their needs.

To promote Fairtrade Fortnight we will be having a Fairtrade break event in School on 8 March. Snack will be provided for each child and we would appreciate a 50p contribution to cover costs and raise money for the Fairtrade Foundation. See letter for further details.



ECO Award

Congratulations to Miss Crawford and our Eco Committee who achieved the Eco Award again on Friday. Everyone works continually

to ensure that we are an Eco friendly school and this award is recognition of the effort and work involved. Well done everyone!

Parental Support

Throughout the year the parents come together to fund raise through very well organised events. Unfortunately, due to a lack of parent volunteers we had no Big Breakfast which was disappointing for everyone.

Integrated Education Week is an excellent opportunity for all family members to socialise during this event and we don't want to lose our community spirit.

We seem to have a number of parents who will help during these occasions but having a small group to co-ordinate the 3 annual events would be advantageous.



If you are willing to do so please leave your details in the school office.

Dinner Money

Please confirm if your child is having dinners each Friday/Monday at the latest. It is very time consuming to follow up



on payments and dinner orders that are given on a daily basis.

There is no issue if a child/parent occasionally forgets to bring a lunch or due to other circumstances they may need to take a dinner midweek. This can be accommodated as we all have days like these.

However, we can no longer facilitate parents who regularly decide dinner options on a daily basis. The monthly menu is on the website and you can request a hard copy from the office.

We appreciate your continued support.

Parent Activity Morning

Thank you for supporting and participating in our Parent Morning. The children were delighted to put you on the spot by asking tricky questions or giving you activities to complete! It was fantastic to see so many of you in the classrooms.

New Website

Coming soon... this should be in place within the next couple of weeks. There will be access to an App and an email facility. The web address will remain unchanged. <u>www.spiresips.org.uk</u>

Welcome

We welcome 3 temporary staff:

Miss B McGuckin (Classroom Assistant)

Miss K Bell (General Assistant)

Mrs A Hutchinson (Lunchtime Supervisor)

Dates for Your Diary

- 16 March School Closed for Staff Training
- 17 March School Closed St Patrick's Day
- 7 March Hockey Competition at Limavady
- 8 March Fairtrade Snack Day
- 15 March P4 Class Assembly at 9.30 am (family members welcome)
- 22 March P2 Class Assembly at 9.30 am (family members welcome)
- 22 March First Penance (for some P4 children) at 7.00 pm
- 12 April School closes at 12.00 noon Non Uniform Day
- 24 April School starts at 9.00 am





Old Stamps

Please continue to leave used stamps in the office or send them in your child's folder as these will be forwarded to Guide Dogs for the Blind. It would be appreciated if you could leave a boarder around the stamp of at least 1 cm. Thank you.

