



Whitehead

Primary School
& Nursery Unit

Wednesday 26 May

'LEARNING AND GROWING TOGETHER'

Don't Forget

School is closed tomorrow (Thursday 27th May), Friday (28th) & Monday (31st). School will re-open at the normal time on Tuesday 1st June.

Positive COVID Test Result

Should your child test positive during school hours, please inform Mrs Lowry (02893353280). Outside of school hours please inform Mr Loughins (07359015420).

Sports Day

Weather permitting 'Bubble Sports Days' will take place on the following days and **children should wear appropriate sports gear on the day of their 'Bubble Sports Day'**:

Nursery – Tuesday 1 June

Y1 & Y2 – Wednesday 2 June

Y3 & Y4 – Thursday 3 June

Y5, Y6 & Y7 – Friday 4 June



The children will take part in a variety of sporting activities on these days which will be **recorded and shared on Seesaw**. The timings for each of the activities will be very weather dependent. While it is lovely to watch your child on Sports Day and we really value your support, I would ask that parents **refrain from gathering at the gate**, in the hope that they might catch a glimpse of their child. Thank you for your continued support in terms of COVID as we strive together to ensure that no 'Bubbles Burst'! I'm sure like me, the thought of children having to resort to remote learning is horrifying. **Please see the information below that the Education Minister has asked all schools to forward to parents.**

Random Acts of Kindness

From Monday 14 June – Friday 18 June we are going to have a 'Random Acts of Kindness' week when all children and staff will be encouraged to be **extra** kind, both in school and at home.

Monday – Thursday will be normal teaching days but the children will be awarded kindness tokens whenever they are kind to one another.

There will no traditional homework this week (apart from Y6, really sorry Y6) however the children will be encouraged to undertake acts of kindness at home which you will be able to record, sign and return to school. These acts of kindness will be added to the kindness tokens and placed into a class draw, which will take place on Friday 18 June. Two children from each class will then be rewarded with some vouchers to spend at a shop in the town.

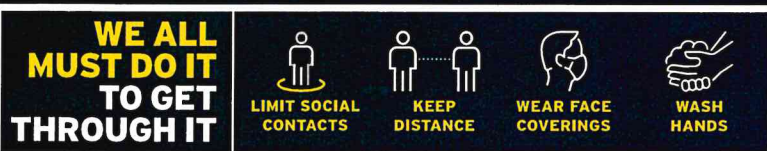
Rainbow Fun Day & School Fundraiser

To culminate our 'Random acts of Kindness' week, **Friday 18 June will be a 'Rainbow Fun Day'** when we will encourage all children to wear rainbow colours (NO UNIFORM) and each individual class bubble will plan their own special day.

As part of this day I would also ask for your support financially. I fully appreciate that COVID has had a huge impact financially on families and as a result I haven't asked for a contribution to the school fund this year which would normally raise in the region of £3000. Furthermore, we have been unable to hold any PTA events this year which would raise £5000 - £7000. With this in mind, I would really appreciate it if you could support us in this way. Donations will be voluntary and I would encourage to, just give what you can, in support of the school.

All donations will be in support of our PTA which has charitable status. If you are a tax payer, we will then be able to gift aid your donation which raises an extra 25p for every pound donated. There will be more details on all of this in the next newsletter.

EDUCATION RESTART



EVERYONE HAS A ROLE TO PLAY IN KEEPING OUR SCHOOLS SAFE AND HELPING TO STOP THE SPREAD OF COVID-19.

EVERYONE SHOULD CONTINUE TO:

- ✓ **Wash** hands regularly
- ✓ **Cover** coughs and sneezes
- ✓ **Wear** a face covering where necessary
- ✓ **Practise** social distancing
- ✓ **Follow** the latest public health advice

WHAT SHOULD I NOT DO?

- ✓ **Don't** send your child to school if they have COVID-19 symptoms or if they have been identified as a close contact
- ✓ **Don't** allow your child to use public transport unless you have no alternative
- ✓ **Don't** gather at the school entrance/gate
- ✓ **Don't** allow your child to share food/drinks with friends

WHAT SHOULD I DO?

- ✓ **Do** let the school know if your child will be absent due to COVID-19 symptoms
- ✓ **Do** follow the advice given if you have been contacted by the PHA Contact Tracing Service
- ✓ **Do** encourage your child to socially distance if it is possible
- ✓ **Do** encourage good hand hygiene
- ✓ **Do** use alternative transport if you can
- ✓ **Do** walk or cycle if it's safe and appropriate to do so
- ✓ **Do** use park and ride or other car-parking facilities (if available), and walk the remainder of the journey to school
- ✓ **Do** avoid parking close to or at the school gates
- ✓ **Do** encourage the use of face coverings on school transport and in post-primary schools/settings
- ✓ **Do** encourage and supervise your child to carry out a COVID-19 test if they have been invited to participate

FURTHER INFORMATION, INCLUDING FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS, CAN BE FOUND ON THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S WEBSITE AT: WWW.EDUCATION-NI.GOV.UK