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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Road Safety: Keeping Everyone Safe

The road conditions yesterday outside the Junior Campus were treacherous. Unfortunately, due to the limited traffic flow, this road will not be placed on the gritting route however bad the road conditions are. We continue to encourage families to park at the Gobbins Centre and walk the last part of the journey to school whenever possible. Understandably, this is something that is much easier to do in the spring and summer months but not always pleasant in the winter.



A reminder to ALL drivers not to stop on the Yellow Zig Zag KEEP CLEAR outside the Junior Campus. Leave about a cars length between the back of your car and the bus when stopped to allow Stephen to move off safely.

We need to keep traffic moving outside the Junior Campus to avoid congestion at drop off and collection times; once again I respectfully request that everyone arrives at the designated time, drops off/collects their child and moves away promptly. I am the first to enjoy a chat so would encourage you to meet with other parents at the Gobbins for a catch up or even drop in to the café and support local business.



Keeping the traffic moving is also vitally important at the Senior Campus; drop off/collect move on. If you are going to be waiting longer, you can use the carpark WITH CAUTION.



Remember to park on the right hand side of the driveway only which allows the bus to safely collect pupils.

Do not block the entrance to the driveway.

Thank you all for your cooperation in keeping our children safe.

Staffing: Year 7

Miss Smiley will be moving to a 3-day week next week due to other commitments. She will be working in collaboration with Mr Smyth who taught the class in January. The Governors have agreed to maintain the Year 6/7 split into two smaller classes for as long as possible this academic year.

World Book Day 3rd March



The World Book Day theme this year is 'You **Are** a Reader' and the children are to dress up as a book villain or hero!! It would be great if the children have the book that they are a character from with them in school that day.



Extra-Curricular Activities

Over the last 2 years, extra-curricular activities have had to be halted but gradually and with caution we have started to reintroduce this important aspect of our school life. Numbers will be limited at each of the clubs.

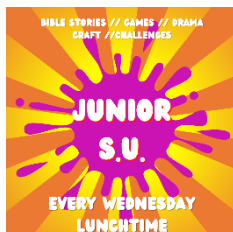
Coding Club

The current session has now concluded. The children have really loved learning about coding and today got to experience Virtual Reality headset games in a safe environment.

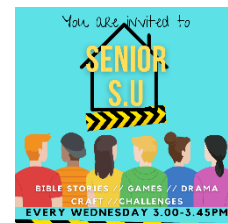
Junior Campus Only: A new 6-week Coding Club session is proposed for Junior Campus pupils on Friday afternoons from 1:50pm – 2:50pm at a cost of £36 for the 6 weeks up to Easter. This will commence on Friday 4th March.

We hope to offer this club again to seniors after Easter.

Booking forms are available online once again at www.Max-Go.co.uk alternatively you can request one via school.



Scripture Union: Wednesdays
Senior Campus: 3:00pm – 3:45pm
Junior Campus: 12:15pm – 12:45pm
This will start on Wednesday 9th March



Other After School Clubs we are proposing and hope to run include

Study Buddies: For Year 6 children who are intending applying for Grammar School places following completion of AQE assessments

HeartStart: the children learn basic lifesaving skills they can use in the real world

LEGO: This would run in 5 or 6 week blocks to allow all children a chance to attend

Sports Activity Clubs: Games, Hockey, Football, Rugby are all up for consideration

Confirmation and details of all these activities will be shared soon.

Please note that you will have to make arrangements for your child to be collected from After School Clubs as there is no bus run at that time.

Using ICT

The latest UICT Newsletter is now available on our website.

Job Opportunities

Whitehead Kitchen are looking for temporary staff and would love to hear from anyone interested in joining the team.

Contact Lesley at Whitehead School Kitchen on 028 9337 2932. Hours of work would likely be 11:30am – 1:30pm

DATES to NOTE

FEBRUARY

28th **Lunch Menu:** Week 4 This can be viewed on the website/Parents/Dinners

MARCH

1st Library Van at Senior Campus



17th No School Dinners available
No Transport available
No swimming
EARLY CLOSE 1:00pm



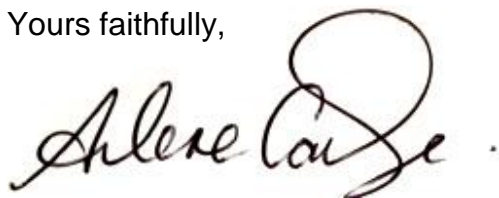
18th Comic Relief Red Nose Day Fund Raiser; details to follow

APRIL

11th – 22nd inc Easter Holidays

28th Year 7 final term of swimming; permission slips will be sent prior to Easter.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs A. Cambridge
Principal