



Queen Elizabeth II P.S.

March

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Dates for diary

31 st March	School Closes at 12 noon for Easter Holidays
21 st April	Tri County Football Tournament (P5-P7)
1 st May	School Closed
3 rd May	Sports Fun Morning with Stewartstown PS
8 th May	School Closed
18 th May	School Closed - Election
29 th & 30 th May	School Closed
8 th June	Sports Evening and Coronation Celebrations
22 nd June	School Prize Giving @1pm
27 th - 29 th June	P6 & P7 Residential Trip to Ganaway Activity Centre

Healthy Break Tuck Shop

10th & 11th May - information to follow

Shared Education

- Tuesday 18th April (1.15 - 3pm)

P5-P7 pupils will meet with pupils from St Marys Primary School in Pomeroy Forest to create clay self portraits.

- Tuesday 25th April (1.15-3pm)

P5-P7 pupils will meet with pupils from St Marys Primary School in Pomeroy Forest to participate in weaving with natural materials and make their own looms out of twigs.

**Violin lessons have been moved to 12 - 12.50 to allow pupils to attend both sessions.

Please complete the attached permission slip to allow your child to attend

EA Music Service



The final payment for Violin and Viola Lessons is required. Cash or cheques will be accepted. Please make cheques payable to Queen Elizabeth II Primary School.

Amount: £27.30 (please send in by Wednesday 19th April)



Tri County Schools Soccer Outdoor Tournament

Friday 21st April 2023 @ Coagh Sports Arena.

Matches to begin at 9.45 on Pitches 1 & 2 (3G Astro Turf Pitches).

Spectators are welcome to come along and support our school team.

Transfer Club

There will be **no** Transfer Club on 19th April.

Change to P6/P7 trip dates

Tues 27th - Thursday 29th June

School Spring Clean Up Day

Big Call out for people with Power Washers!! Could you spare a few hours on Monday 3rd April at 4pm?



Please speak to Denver Willis or Henry Sinnamon if you can help.

P1/P2 arrangements for after Easter

On our return to school, after the Easter holidays, P1 & P2 pupils should enter the school each day via Mrs McKeown's door. Unfortunately, the additional funding all schools received post COVID, which QE II PS used to provide additional teaching support for P1 & P2, will finish at the end of March.

Permission Slip

P5-P7 Shared Education

I give permission for _____ to walk to Pomeroy Forest to attend 2

Shared Education workshops (18th April & 25th April).

Signed: _____

Tri County Schools Soccer League 2023

Friday 21st April 2023 (P5-P7 pupils)

Pupils may not return back to school in time for lunch. Please provide your child with a packed lunch.

What to wear:

- All players are required to wear shin guards.
- Players should wear trainers or football boots (moulded only - no metal studs allowed on a 3G football pitch)
- Pupils will have a school football kit sent home week beginning Monday 17th April. Please wash and return on Monday 24th April.

Pupils should bring a small break, drink and a coat.

Please complete and return permission slip by **Wednesday 29th March**

Permission Slip

I give permission for _____ Class _____ to attend the Tri County Schools Soccer League at Coagh Sports Arena.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Swimming Lessons

Dear Parent/Guardian

As swimming is a statutory requirement of the Northern Ireland Curriculum, the school has arranged for P4-P7 pupils to travel to Cookstown Leisure Centre for swimming lessons. Our lessons will begin on **Friday 21st April** and will run for 10 weeks. (12 - 12.30pm)

The cost for swimming in Term 3 will be £30.00 (£3 per week). Payment for swimming should be sent to the class teacher by Monday 17th April.

It is important that class conduct outside the school environment is exemplary. Unacceptable behaviour will NOT be tolerated during lessons or on bus journeys. Our school Positive Behaviour Policy is available on the school website for reference. Due to the importance of pupil safety during swimming lessons, it is likely that inappropriate behaviour will be treated as a note-worthy incident. The consequences of any inappropriate behaviour will be discussed with the pupils prior to the first swimming lesson. Please reinforce the importance of maintaining a high standard of behaviour both on the journey to the pool, and during their time in the Leisure Centre, along with the rules below with your child.

Code of Practice for Swimming Lessons

1. Arrive promptly for lessons
2. **All girls must wear a swim cap during lessons** (plaited hair can be easier to get into a swimming cap)
3. **Swimmers should have a pair of good fitting goggles**
4. NO EARRINGS or JEWELLERY of any description is permitted during swimming lessons

5. Swimmers are expected to be courteous to one another and to the instructor at all times
6. No swimmers are allowed in the pool before or after the lesson
7. Swimmers are expected to wear proper swim attire - appropriate colour, good fitting boys shorts

We do appreciate that situations arise where a pupil is unable to go swimming. On this occasion it is the parent's responsibility to provide a written note explaining the reason for this. These notes will be retained by the school and attendance at swimming monitored as swimming is a statutory part of the Northern Ireland Curriculum. Additionally, if your child is too unwell to attend swimming due to cold symptoms, it may be worth considering if indeed they are well enough for the demands of school on that day.

IMPORTANT POINTS

- Cookstown Leisure Centre were unable to offer us our usual Tuesday swim slot in Term 2. While a swimming lesson over lunchtime is far from appropriate, I am very keen to make it work, so the pupils do not miss out on swimming lessons.
- P4-P7 pupils should bring a packed lunch each Friday (pupils will not be back to school in time for dinner). Pupils will have the opportunity to eat their break in school at 10.30 a.m. and will depart for the swimming pool at 11.15 a.m. On return to school, pupils will be given the opportunity to eat their packed lunch.
- The Tri- County Football Tournament has fallen on the 1st swimming session. P4 pupils and those not attending the Tournament will still go swimming.

If any parent wishes to discuss further any of the points raised in this letter, please do not hesitate to contact the school, and arrange an appointment with myself.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Robinson

Principal

