

# Castle Gardens News Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February

## **Breakfast Club**

From Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March we will be charging 50p per pupil per day for attendance at Breakfast Club. In the current financial climate that schools find themselves in we are unable to continue the free supervision we are currently offering.

## **Assembly Election**

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March school will be closed because we are being used as a polling station in the Assembly Election. School's Out will operate on that day but from an alternative venue, please contact Susannah for more information.

## **PTA – Upcoming Events**

The PTA met on Tuesday night and have several events planned for this term.

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March a Ladies Night has been organised at the Web Theatre. There will be a drinks reception at 7.30pm followed by the film "Mother's Day" being shown at 8pm. Tickets are £10 and are available at the Book Fair next week, from a member of the PTA or from the office. Price includes a goodie bag and a drink on arrival.

Smarties tubes will be sent home on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March with the same idea as last year, returned after the Easter Holiday filled with 20ps.

A bag pack will be held on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April at Tesco on Newtownards. More information will be passed on closer to the time but if you could assist, even for 30 minutes, it would be greatly appreciated.

## **Book Fair**

The Book Fair will be available next week from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February until Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March from 2pm until 3.30pm.

## **World Book Day**

World Book Day is Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Due to school being used for a polling station we will be closed that day so have moved our planned activities to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Pupils are being given the opportunity to come to school on that day dressed as a character from their favourite book which they should bring with them.

We are also running an Extreme Reader Competition with the winner announced in a whole school assembly next Friday. To take part pupils should, ideally but not essentially, get their photo taken reading their favourite book in an unusual (but safe) place. From today entries can be submitted to our Facebook page and these will be shared. Keep an eye out for some photos of the staff reading in unusual places next week.

## **Parent Interview Times**

Information regarding parent interviews will be sent home on Monday for pupils in P1 to P5. Please note that all pupils with the exception of those in the provision classes will finish at 1pm that week.

## **Mary Poppins – Costumes**

In April we will be putting on a performance of Mary Poppins for two nights. If you have any items of clothing that you think would be of use we would greatly appreciate you sending them in.

## **Reading Partnership - Call for parents**

We are currently running a Reading Partnership scheme in which parents, following completion of the relevant training offered in school, can support children with their reading. We will be offering further training in the next couple of weeks and if you would like to get involved please get in touch by email or come and have a chat in the morning.

## **Belfast Giants Tickets**

Before Christmas we had a visit from the Belfast Giants who taught the children about how to have a healthy lifestyle. They very kindly donated 50 tickets for their game on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March against the Sheffield Steelers. Pupils in P4 to P7 now have the chance to win these by bringing in healthy breaks over the next few weeks. All pupils that bring in healthy break on a daily basis will be entered into a draw to win a ticket. Members of staff will accompany the children to the game but parents will need to make arrangements to get the children to and from the SSE Arena.

### School Development Days – Change of Date

The School Development Day scheduled for Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May has now been moved to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May to allow for analysis of standardised tests. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

### Dates Ahead

Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Castle Gardens is a Polling Station and school will be closed for the ELECTION
w/c Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent-Interview week for P1 to P5 pupils 1pm finish
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Last day of clubs
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	PTA Ladies Night at the Web Theatre
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Mary Poppins production
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	Mary Poppins production
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day of term
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	PTA Fundraiser – Bag Pack at Tesco
10 <sup>th</sup> April – 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Easter Holidays
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	School Restarts
w/c Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> April	P6 Parent Interviews

If there is anything I or any of the teachers can do to assist you or your child(ren) please get in touch via the office or email me on [jgray246@c2kni.net](mailto:jgray246@c2kni.net)  
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