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29th June 2021

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another difficult year for our school, I would like to thank you all for your patience, understanding and support through these unprecedented times. For many of you, your engagement through Lockdown with our Remote Learning was outstanding as can be seen from these numbers.



Also, to update you, there is important new legislation that will affect our Anti Bullying and Special Needs Policies, we have included some information on this in our Newsletter. More information will follow in September.

Can I take this opportunity also to thank everyone who took the time to complete our online Questionnaire we really value your feedback.

We are delighted to have secured funding to operate our Summer School, we have lots of lovely activities and events planned for the children over the Summer months.

Finally, on behalf of the Board of Governors and Staff I would like to wish you and your families a relaxing and safe Summer break. I look forward to welcoming our children back on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> of August. Stay safe.

Yours sincerely, *Bronagh McVeigh*

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# St. Vincent de Paul Primary School

## Proposed School Holidays 2021/2021

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
<p><b>New term begins Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2021</b></p> <p>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> /Tues 31<sup>st</sup> August <b>(School Finishes at 12.00 No school dinners) Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> Septem- ber ( Full day)</b></p> <p><b>Halloween 25<sup>th</sup> October - 29<sup>th</sup> October</b></p> <p><b>School reopens on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b></p> <p><b>Last day of term is Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Decem- ber (School Finishes at 12.00 No school dinners)</b></p>  <p><b>Christmas holidays 23rd December - 4<sup>th</sup> January</b></p> <p><b>School reopens on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January</b></p>	<p><b>New term begins on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022</b></p> <p><b>Half Term break 14<sup>th</sup> February - 18<sup>th</sup> February</b></p> <p><b>School Reopens on Mon- day 21<sup>st</sup> February</b></p>  <p><b>St Patrick's Day 17<sup>th</sup> March and 18<sup>th</sup> March (2 days)</b></p> <p><b>Last day of term is Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April (School Finishes at 12.00 No school dinners)</b></p>  <p><b>Easter holidays 15<sup>th</sup> April - 22<sup>nd</sup> April School Reopens Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April</b></p>	<p><b>New term begins on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022</b></p> <p><b>May Public Holiday 2<sup>nd</sup> May (1 school day)</b></p> <p><b>May Bank Holiday 30<sup>th</sup> May - 3<sup>rd</sup> June School reopens Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June</b></p> <p><b>Last day of term is Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June (School Finishes at 12.00 No school dinners)</b></p> 



# SEN Information

## Moving from five to three stages of the Special Educational Needs Code of Practice

The SEN Code of Practice is an important guidance document that all schools must follow when making decisions about identifying, assessing and making provision for children who have SEN. Currently, all children with SEN are recorded on the school's SEN register under one of five stages according to the level of support which they need to help them make progress in school. The new Code, when published by the Department of Education, will have three stages for schools to record children on the SEN register.

### Why are we moving from five stages to three?

The new three stages are easier for parents, schools and everyone involved in helping to support children with SEN to understand and use. They help to streamline the SEN process and they focus specifically on the different levels of provision that can be made to help children with SEN.

### When will the change from five to three stages happen?

Over the next few months, schools will look at their SEN registers and move each child across from the five stage model to the three stage model. All children will be recorded under the new three stages by October 2021.



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# SEN Information



## What will the new three stages look like?

The new three stages focus on levels of provision for pupils who have SEN:

**Stage One:** Pupils who are recorded as new Stage One will be receiving **school delivered** special educational provision.

**Stage Two:** Pupils who are recorded as new Stage Two will be receiving **school delivered special educational provision plus external provision**, e.g. from one of the Education Authority (EA) Pupil Support Services or from a service within the Health and Social Care Trust. Pupils who are going through the **statutory assessment process** will be recorded as Stage Two also.

**Stage Three:** Pupils who are recorded as new Stage Three will have a **statement** of Special Educational Needs and will be receiving school and EA delivered special educational provision as detailed in their statement.

## Will my child be affected by the move from five to three stages?

Your child will **NOT** be affected by the change. The move from five to three stages is simply a clearer and more user-friendly way of recording the level of provision that pupils with SEN need to help them make progress.

**The provision currently being made for your child will NOT change as a result of SEN registers moving to the three stage model.**

*\*With effect from: April 2021-October 2021*

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## Addressing Bullying in Schools Act (NI) 2016 Information for Parents & Carers

The law about bullying in schools has changed. The Addressing Bullying in Schools Act (NI) 2016 was introduced on 1 September 2021

This new law has three main parts:

- It provides a legal definition of what bullying is, which all schools must use;
- It requires all schools have to have an Anti-Bullying policy, kept under regular review; and
- It requires schools have to keep a record of reports of bullying, and the steps it took to deal with these.



[Click Here to learn more about the Addressing Bullying in Schools Act \(NI\) 2016](#)

# Connect

## My Book of Memories

Now we are coming to the end of the school year, it is good to look at all the positive things that have happened during our time at school.



What was your favourite thing to play in the playground?

My favourite memory of school is...




What was your favourite subject?



Something that made me smile

What was your favourite thing to do with friends?



I am looking forward to...

Can you think of a moment you were really proud of?



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# Take a Mindful Moment

As a parent it is important to try to take 5 minutes to yourself everyday.

## Mindfulness 5-4-3-2-1

The purpose is to use your five senses to bring the mind back into the present moment. To begin, sit in a chair, position your feet flat on the floor, and name each of the things on the list below. You could sit outside with a cup of coffee and concentrate on;



5 things you can see



4 things you can touch



3 things you can hear



2 things you can smell



1 thing you can taste



## Gratitude Break

Take a moment to think about what you are grateful for in life:

- People you are grateful for
- Places you are grateful for
- Things you are grateful for



Take a break from social media - Do things that make you forget to check your phone.

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# When We Need Support

If you are having financial difficulties during this time, there is help you can access. Here are some of the local supports that are available if you are in difficulty.



Click here

The Trussell Trust website has links to several foodbanks in Northern Ireland. They also have a dedicated Financial Crisis Helpline for families who are in financial difficulty.

The Whitehead Storehouse, located in County Antrim, provides emergency food supplies and certain other help for people who need it in the Whitehead Area.



Click here



The Salvation Army, St Vincent de Paul and Christian Against Poverty are all locally run charities that can provide assistance to families who are in financial difficulty.



Lifeline



Childline



ParentLine NI



Minding your own and your family's mental health is of paramount importance. If you are in difficulty, here are some organisations that provide immediate telephone and online support.

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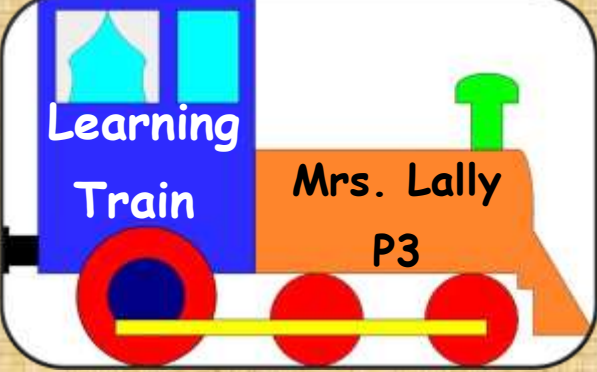
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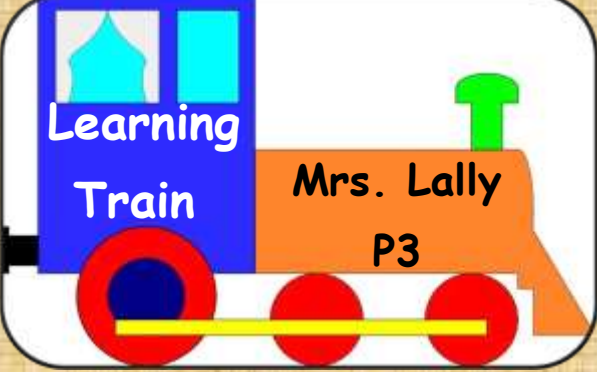


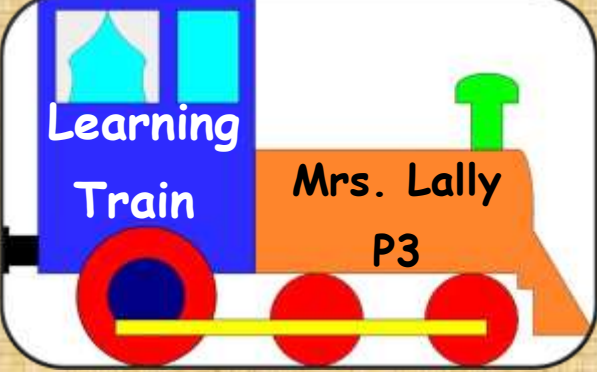
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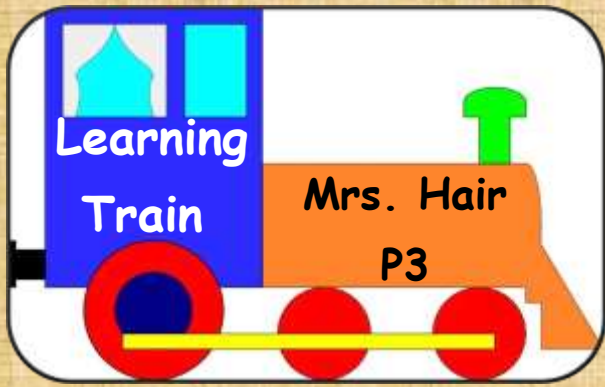






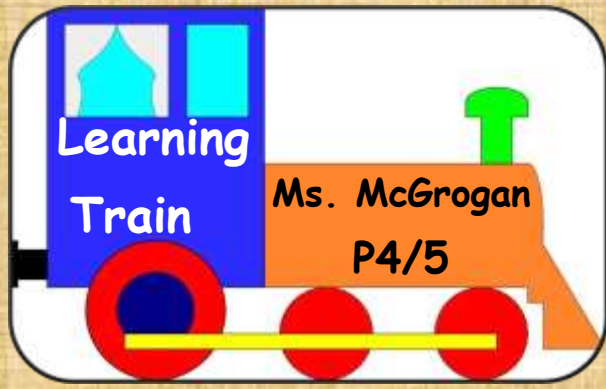
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### Aspirations and dreams for the future..

"When I grow up I want to be a mountain climber."



"When I grow up I want to be a cop."



"When I grow up I want to be a footballer."



"When I grow up I want to be an astronaut."



"When I grow up I want to travel the world"



"When I grow up I want to be a footballer"



"When I grow up I want to be a scientist"

"When I grow up I want to be a doctor"

"When I grow up I want to be in the army."



"When I grow up I want to be a mountain climber."



"When I grow up I want to be a doctor."



"When I grow up I want to be a scientist"



"When I grow up I want to run my own business."



"When I grow up I want to be a chef"



"When I grow up I want to be a scientist"



"When I grow up I want to be a musician"

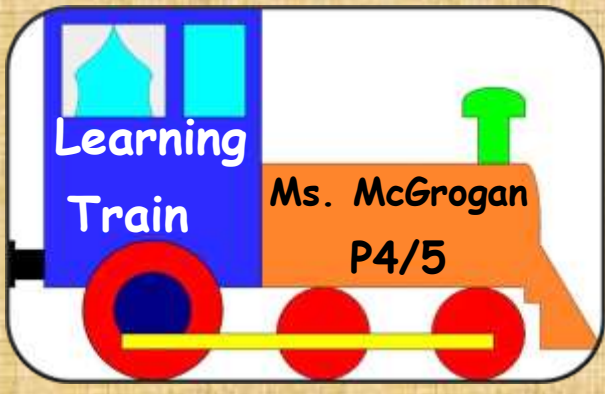



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**Primary 4 Miss Donnelly**



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# Primary 4/5D excelled in Sports Day!



🏆 We won the relay race! 🏆



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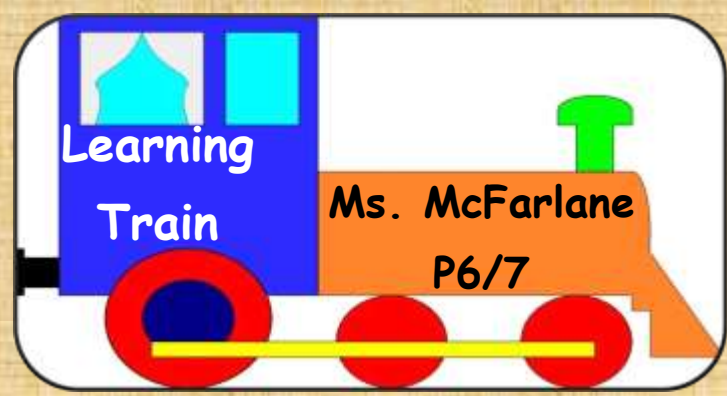






# P7's End of year Trip to Bangor.





## Miss McFarlane's P6 Awards Day



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