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Dear Parents,

Thank you for your recent generosity in giving to the Annual Sponsored Silence for School Funds. A record breaking £2,387 was raised! This funding will be utilised to present your children with a range of opportunities this year including contributing towards the purchase of new reading books.

To date, in excess of £11,000 of new reading books have been/process of being ordered which will be utilised by children from P.1 to P.7. Thank you to the generosity of local businesses: PC Dynes Insulation, Geda Construction, Edge Innovate, Island Eye Care, AMT Truckcentre, Mc Geary Engineering Ltd, Collegelands Nursing Home, Mallaghan Engineering Ltd, Starplan and DH Interiors for their generous sponsorship of this initiative.

As you are aware, the price of resources is continuously increasing and accessing funding is also becoming increasingly more difficult. I would urge you to reinforce to your child/children the importance of taking care of books so that each book is kept in excellent condition for future users. To assist in this, we will also purchase book covers from funding acquired.

It is planned that Parent Teacher interviews will take place week commencing Monday 6th December which will include a full day of parent teacher interviews on Wednesday 8th December. This year, the majority of our teachers have expressed a preference for and have agreed to conduct Face to Face Parent Teacher Interviews. We are however giving you the opportunity to decide, based on your personal circumstances, if you would prefer meeting with your child's teacher either in a face to face meeting or, if you prefer (as in last year) a telephone meeting. **Please message your child's teacher on Class Dojo stating your preference so that arrangements can be made including a time and date to be allocated to you.**

In the interest of health and safety, the following **MUST** be adhered to for Face to Face Meetings,

- Parent/carer **MUST** wear a mask.
- Please be punctual.
- Parent/Carer must go to the classroom at the allocated time.
- To reduce contact with other adults indoors, each meeting must be no longer than the allocated **15 minute slot** from the time meeting was scheduled to start.

Next week is Anti Bullying Week. This year's NIABF theme is 'One Kind Word'. Children from P.1 to P.7 will be exploring this theme with their class teacher(s) which will include resources which can be accessed on <https://www.niabf.org.uk>. To mark the beginning of Anti Bullying Week, we are celebrating that we are all unique and are having an **Odd Socks Day on Monday 15th November**.

Planned Scheduled Events:

Week Commencing 15th November: Anti Bullying Week; Road Safety Week

Monday 15th Nov: Odd Socks Day

Launch of Annual Shoebox Appeal

Tuesday 23rd Nov: Edendork P.S. Mass <http://www.parishofdungannon.com/>

Shoeboxes collected

Week Commencing 6th December: Parent Teacher Interviews

Wednesday 8th Dec: School closed for children

Tuesday 14th Dec: P.5 – P.7 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' pantomime
in the Grand Opera (£18 per child)

Thursday 16th Dec: Christmas Dinner

Mon 20th & Tues. 21st: P.1 – P.7 Christmas Performances via Collaborate Ultra/Class Dojo

I will let you know as soon as possible, should the above dates/events change.

Yours Sincerely

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