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### A Warm Space

We are delighted to be able offer a warm space for our neighbours. This is being made possible by our new partnerships with Glasyr Methodist Church and Peninsula Healthy Living, supported by the Public Health Agency.



This is an offer extended to adults in the local area to come in and use our library to meet your neighbours, have a chat, enjoy a cuppa and benefit from our heating so they can save themselves a few pounds on the heating bills. If you know of anyone who is at home all day and would benefit from getting out of the house for a couple of hours, please share this with them.

### Free breakfasts

More great news!



After half term, we will be providing toast and fruit for all children on arrival in school so that no child goes hungry. This is also being made possible by our new community partnerships and is supported by the Spar. We have noticed in recent months that the children can't wait for brektime and are hungry again by lunch so we hope that some toast and fruit will give those brains a boost first thing. Don't worry about booking. The breakfasts will be there for everyone to take if they want it. Teachers are aware of all dietary needs and these have been catered for.



### Thank you to the P.F.A.

New iPads arrived in school this week thanks to the fundraising efforts of our PFA. Thank you to everyone who has organised or attended any of the events in school. Every little helps and these have really put a smile on little faces today!



### Parent Appointments – advance notice!

School will close early on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> – Weds 8<sup>th</sup> March to enable parent teacher appointments to take place. More details to follow.

### Oversized items!

We need your help! We are tight for storage space in classes. Children have started to bring in oversized water bottles which we do not really have room for. Please could you send standard sized water bottles. These can be refilled during the day.

### Industrial Action

Following risk assessment, **VPS will be closed to pupils on the morning of 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023** to allow teachers to take a stand and make their voices heard in the push for more funding for education. On this day, please send the children to school at 12noon when we will begin the day with lunch! Children will enter school through the main school door and go directly to the hall for their lunch. School will operate in the afternoon as normal.



### Share the love at half term

If you were in school for assembly this morning you would have heard the children talk and sing about friendships and love. If you missed it, we have put some photos and videos on the website. It really was a special morning. Next week is not only half term but will also see Valentines day and Random Acts of kindness day take place. We hope you all have a happy half term and we can't wait to see you all back again on 20<sup>th</sup> February.



### Coming up next half term.

20<sup>th</sup> Feb – School reopens to children.  
21<sup>st</sup> Feb – Morning closure for strike action  
22<sup>nd</sup> Feb – School nurse visit for P1 pupils  
23<sup>rd</sup> Feb – Warm Space starts / PFA Girls Night  
24<sup>th</sup> Feb – Castle Espie - P1/2 / PFA Doughnut Day  
27<sup>th</sup> Feb – P7 free trip to Mount Stewart  
28<sup>th</sup> Feb – Sustrans: Dr Bike  
2<sup>nd</sup> Mar – World Book Day  
6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Mar – Parent Teacher appointments  
10<sup>th</sup> Mar – BINGO night (PFA)

