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JONESBORO'PRIMARY SCHOOL

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A Thuismitheoirí / Dear Parents

I would like to begin by wishing everyone connected within our school community a Happy 2024!

- Our school has been selected to play at half time of Armagh's Opening National League Game against Louth on Saturday 27th January at 6.00pm in the Athletic Grounds, Armagh. We are required to field a team of 6 boys and 5 girls against a team from St Mary's Maghery. We will be offering these places to our eldest children first and places will be drawn randomly. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Each child will receive one ticket for themselves and one for their accompanying adult. All parents of those children chosen will be contacted to inform them. They will then be asked to contact the school via e-mail to indicate that they will or will not be able to have their child attend the game. Our school team will be managed by Mr Declan McCoy and Mr Philip McEvoy on the night and we again thank them for all their input with our footballers this year. Further details will be sent to parents ASAP.
- Parents are reminded that After School activities will continue as normal (2.00pm – 3.00pm Monday to Thursday incl.) for children from primaries one, two and three.
- Many public sector unions including both Teaching & Non Teaching Unions have informed relevant authorities of their intention to hold a one day strike next Thursday 18th January 2024. It is possible or rather likely that this will mean a school closure for all children on this day.
- Please read below an extract from a joint letter sent to school principals from the Department of Education, DENI, the Education Authority, EANI and the Council for Catholic Maintained Schools, CCMS.

“School Boards of Governors (BoGs) are normally reconstituted every four years. As the term of office for existing governors is coming to an end, we now need people with a range of skills and experience to support the management of schools across Northern Ireland.

We are encouraging applications from a diverse range of people from various backgrounds with different skills and experiences.

Applicants interested in applying to become a school governor can apply for DE governor positions at <https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/articles/school-governor-appointments> and for EA positions at <https://www.eani.org.uk/school-governance/becoming-a-school-governor>.

A range of content will be published on the DE, EA and the Council for Catholic Maintained Schools (CCMS) websites and social media platforms.....”.

Elections for a Governor to be selected by the parent body will take place in due course and our school BoG will seek candidates in the near future.

Le meas / Yours sincerely

Donal Keenan

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