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Welcome

I would like to welcome back all of our pupils, particularly the P1 pupils who are starting school for the first time. As we begin another school year I need to remind you of a number of things that will help facilitate the continued smooth running of the school, as well as about forthcoming events.

Sheila McKeown
Acting Principal.

Class Organisation

P1- Mrs Evans & Mrs McCourt

P2/3 – Mrs McKeown & Miss McElroy (am)

P4/5 – Mr McParland & Miss McElroy (pm)/Miss Roslyn Lavery

P6/7 – Mrs Cunningham & Mrs McNally.

Term Dates:

AUTUMN

Term Begins: 31st August

Half Term: 27th October to 1st November inclusive

Term Ends: 22nd December at 11.00am.

SPRING

Term Begins: 8th January

Half Term: 12th to 16th February

Term Ends: 29th March

SUMMER

Term Begins: 9th April

Term Ends: 29th June

School Day Starts at 8.40am. Primary 1-3 finish at 1.45pm and Primary 4-7 finish at 2.35pm. Please make sure all children are collected promptly.

Beginning of Year Mass 5th October at 11.00am

First Aid

If your child should require treatment for a minor cut when in school we will clean the wound with antiseptic wipes and apply a plaster. If you do not wish us to do this, or if your child has a particular allergy to wipes/plasters please inform your child's class teacher, *in writing*, as soon as possible.

Swimming Lessons

All of the children in classes P4-7 will be given the opportunity to take part in swimming lessons at Kilkeel Swimming Pool. Please note that Lessons will begin in Term 2.

Phoning School

If you need to contact school please phone our Secretary, Mrs Sonya Newell on 028 417 38426.

School Website:

Please visit our Website to see updated notices and photographs of your children.

School Uniform

Children are expected to wear their full and proper uniform every day, unless advised otherwise. Please note that school uniform includes black shoes or dark runners only, which includes the boots that some girls choose to wear during the winter months. Also, if any of the girls prefer to wear tights, we ask they they wear only navy ones. Thank you for your help and co-operation in this matter.

123 Club

Miss Lorna McElroy will be taking 123 Club after school every day for children in classes Primary 1 to Primary 3. The children carry out various activities including structured play, arts and crafts. 123 Club costs £2.00 per day and we would ask that this is paid at the beginning of each week so that Lorna can organise activities to suit her numbers. Please contact the office if you require to place your child in 123 Club as a one off should something arise and you are not able to collect your child at 1.40pm.

Jewellery/Makeup

We would request that children refrain from wearing items of jewellery to school. We are happy if pupils wish to wear a wrist watch or stud ear-rings, but ask that other jewellery items be left at home. We also request that pupils do not wear make-up.

School Dinners

School Dinners cost £2.60 per day or £13.00 for the week. Dinner menus will be provided to your child. Please note that school dinners should be paid weekly in advance if possible.

School Milk

School Milk costs £13.00 per term or £39.00 for the year. Milk will not be ordered until payment received. Please note the Reception Children receive free milk and if you wish your child to avail of this please contact the School Office.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS SCHOOL EXERCISES A HEALTHY BREAK POLICY, (ie Water, Milk, Fruit,)

Free School Meals

There may be pupils who could avail of free school meals who do not currently receive this benefit. I would encourage you to investigate whether your child may be eligible, and to make an application if you think that you meet the criteria. It is important to note that there are benefits to both families and to the school if a child is able to avail of free school meals. Further information is available by phoning the Education Authority on 3751 2523. Please consider applying if you think you may be eligible.

Queries/Concerns

I just want to remind you of the school procedures for dealing with any queries or concerns that you may have. Your first point of contact for any query or concern is normally your child's class teacher. They should be able to resolve most issues that arise throughout the course of the school year. However, if they are unable to resolve the matter it will be referred to Mrs Lesley Evans (Safeguarding Team), who will deal with it for you. In the unlikely event that neither the class teacher nor Mrs Evans is able to resolve the situation then it will be referred to the Principal. We hope that this will allow us to deal with any queries and concerns much more effectively. We would kindly ask everyone to follow this procedure when making contact with the school. Please contact the school office to make an appointment if you wish to speak to a Teacher as Staff hold Staff Meetings on Tuesdays and plan lessons together on Thursdays.

PE Days

Primary One	Thursdays
Primary Two	Thursdays
Primary Three	Thursday and Friday
Primary Four/Five	Wednesday and Friday
Primary Six/Seven	Tuesday

Money Pockets

Please note that Money Pockets are available from the School Office at a cost of £2.00 for 50 and £4.00 for 100.

Warrenpoint Library

P4 and P6 will be visiting Warrenpoint Library starting 5th October. Primary 4 will be going first for three weeks and then Primary 6.

Hip-Hop Classes

Hip Hop Classes have now started with Laura Murtagh on a Tuesday (£4.00 per class.) There are 4 weeks remaining of these classes and anyone wishing to go should kindly contact the office.

After School **Gaelic** with Mr McParland will be starting Wednesday 27th September for KS2 children.

After School Numeracy Classes for Primary 7 will continue on Mondays.

PLEASE NOTE THAT MOBILE PHONES ARE NOT PERMITTED IN SCHOOL.



Happy Birthday!

July Birthdays:

Callum Crilly
Megan Smyth-Keenan
Kevin Stokes
Ronan Murphy
Lucy Braham
Mia Caulfield
Clíodhna Harper
Moya Tinnelly

Tara White
Niamh Crowley
August Neary
Aoibhe Owens
Cormac Cunningham
Conor Owens
Eoghan Tinnelly
Hickory O'Hare-Offield

August Birthdays:

Aoife Rea
Tara Gibbons
Annie Brennan
Luke Quinn

September Birthdays:

Fionna Cole-Rea