



Principal's Newsletter

Welcome back...a few reminders



Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope that you are all well and that you, your children and your family have had a lovely Summer Break. I know that school has not yet started for this academic year, however, I wanted to send out a copy of the back to school information that was sent to parents and carers in June – just in case you may have misplaced it over the last few weeks. 😊

Page two of this newsletter contains a copy of the information that I sent to parents / carers at the end of last year – this outlines starting dates and times, change of times for P5 – P7 on a Friday etc.

If you require any further information regarding the start of term, staff will be back in school from Wednesday 22nd August, so please give school a call – if the phone doesn't get answered straight away, please try a little later as all members of staff will be involved in several training events and may not always be on hand to answer the phone – alternatively, if you are passing, please call in and someone will be able to answer your question in person.

If you or your child are unsure of what entrance to use when they begin school, as they will be moving to a new year group, please come and see me on the playground when you arrive into school and I will point you in the right direction.

Enjoy the last few days of the holidays and I look forward to seeing you all next week.

Many thanks,

Mr C. Fulton

Principal

Internal School Timings

As I mentioned in my June newsletter, we will be adjusting some break timings this year. As a result, can parents / carers please ensure that any items that children bring in for their short morning break can be eaten easily outside – eg, apple, banana, frubes yoghurt etc, and that it can be thrown in the bin when finished. Thank you in advance.

SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Principal

Mr C. Fulton

Acting Vice Principal / Head of Foundation & Key Stage 1

Mrs J. Orr

Special Needs Co- ordinator and Designated Teacher for Child Protection

Miss J. Minnis

Nursery Lead

Mrs P. Addis

Head of Key Stage 2

Mrs R. Miskelly

I'M WORRIED ABOUT A CHILD IN SCHOOL.

If you are concerned about the welfare of a pupil in school, please speak with Miss Minnis (Designated Teacher for Child Protection)



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Important Information

Starting Back To School – August 2018

- Nursery and Primary 1 pupils have already had their starting information. This was given to all parents and carers at an induction meeting held in June.
- School will start back for all other pupils on **Tuesday 28th August** at normal time. Children will finish at **12pm** on Tues 28th, Wed 29th and Thurs 30th August.
- Children will then finish at normal finishing time on Friday 31st August 2018.

SLIGHT CHANGE IN SCHOOL TIMINGS

- From the start of the next academic year, Primary 5 – Primary 7 pupils will finish school **every Friday afternoon at 2:10pm**. Internal break timings will be adjusted throughout the school week to ensure that no overall teaching time is lost for these pupils. Finish times for P1 – P4 pupils remain unchanged. To confirm, school finishing times on a Friday are as follows:

Friday Finishing Times

Primary 1	2pm	Primary 5	2:10pm
Primary 2	2pm	Primary 6	2:10pm
Primary 3	2pm	Primary 7	2:10pm
Primary 4	2pm		

School Uniform

- In preparation for returning to school, please ensure that your child has the correct full school uniform. Just a reminder that training shoes are not allowed to be worn outside of PE lessons. Black school shoes should be worn at all other times - please **ensure that all items are labelled with your child's name**.

Equipment

- All children will have received a list of equipment and resources they will need when they start back to school. I would be very grateful if children could bring all their equipment with them on their first day back to school – please **ensure that all items are labelled with your child's name**.



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Breakfast Club

Breakfast club will be available again this academic year. The cost for breakfast club will, initially, remain at £1.75 per session. As this cost has not increased within the last year, I will need to keep it under review as we move forward. Children can attend breakfast club from 8:00am each morning, however, children must arrive before 8:30am in order to be served a breakfast.

Parents are reminded that, on the first day of attendance at breakfast club, a permission slip must be signed.

School Dinners

Children are able to avail of school dinners on a daily basis. Our 5-star canteen provides delicious meals for all our children. The cost of school dinners is set by the Education Authority. At present they cost £2.60 per day.

Payment should be sent into school on a Monday morning for the total amount for the coming week. This allows staff to gauge numbers as accurately as possible.

Money Envelopes

We know it can be difficult trying to find spare envelopes around the house when sending money into school. To make life a little easier, you can purchase a booklet of money envelopes from the school office for £2.50. These envelopes, a little like Church collection envelopes, can be used for dinner money, milk money, payment for trips etc. Simply call into the school office if you would like to purchase these.

After School Activity Club – Kids' Cave

Our after school activity club, Kids' Cave, will continue to operate next academic year for all our pupils. This club is open daily, from 2pm – 5:30pm (5:00pm on a Friday) at a cost of £4.50 per hour. Booking forms are available from the school office or from the Kids' Cave room and should be returned on a Thursday, along with payment, for the next week.

TUES 28TH, WED 29TH & THURS 30TH AUGUST DEAL

Kids' Cave will be available from 12pm on these days. If you book your child in for 4 hours or more (from 12pm to after 3pm) the cost will be a flat rate of £15 per child – not £4.50 per hour – saving £12 if your child stays until 5:30pm. Speak with Mrs Evans or Mrs Ervine when collecting your child for payment for the first week. The rate remains £4.50 per hour if you would like your child to stay between 1 and 3 hours.



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Term Dates 2018 / 19

August	Wed 22 nd , Thurs 23 rd , Fri 24 th August – School Development Days (School Closed) Mon 27 th August – Bank Holiday (School Closed) Tues 28 th August – School reopens for P2 – P7 pupils (School will close at 12pm on 28 th , 29 th and 30 th of August)
September	Fri 28 th September – School Development Day (School Closed)
October / November	Fri 26 th Oct – School Closes at 2pm. Mon 29 th , Tues 30 th , Wed 31 st Oct, Thurs 1 st , Fri 2 nd November (School Closed for Half Term) Mon 5 th November – School reopens
December	Fri 21 st December – (School closes at 12pm for the Christmas Holidays)
January	Thurs 3 rd January – School reopens Mon 21 st January – School Development Day (School Closed)
February	Fri 15 th February – School Closes at 2pm. Mon 18 th February – School Development Day (School Closed) Tues 19 th , Wed 20 th , Thurs 21 st , Fri 22 nd February (School Closed for Half Term) Mon 25 th February – School reopens
April	Fri 12 th April – (School closes at 12pm for Easter Holidays) Mon 29 th April – School reopens
May	Mon 6 th May – School Closed (Bank Holiday) Mon 27 th May – School Development Day (School Closed)
June	Thurs 6 th , Fri 7 th June – School Development Days (School Closed) Fri 28 th June – (School closes at 12pm for Summer Holidays)