

# Newsletter

2nd September 2019



**Our motto for the year.**

A very warm welcome back for the new school year. We hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable summer break.



A huge welcome to our new Nursery and Primary 1 pupils. We also extend a very special welcome to pupils who have joined our school in other classes: Tommy, Carter, Sophie and Riley in Miss Walsh's class, Mia in Mrs Kee's, Willow in Mrs McAleer's and Blake in Mrs Campbell's.

The School Day	
Breakfast Club	8.20a.m. – 8.50a.m.
Children collected in both playgrounds	8.55a.m.
School day begins	9.00a.m.
Morning Break	10.30a.m. – 10.40a.m.
Lunch	12.12p.m. – 1.00p.m.
School day ends P1 & P2	2.00p.m.
School day ends P3 – P7	<b>3.00p.m. Monday – Thursday</b>
School day ends P3 – P7	<b>2.00p.m. Friday only</b>

## Safety Barriers & Ramp

We are delighted to see that Roads Service NI did as promised and have the new safety barriers, ramp and double yellow lines in place for today. Well done Student Council, Eco Team, Miss McGinley and Mrs Kingh on lobbying our politicians and helping to improve safety at our school. Of course we all still need to pay atten-

## Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club resumed at 8.20a.m. on Monday 2nd September.

Breakfast Club is **ONLY** for those children who are buying breakfast.

Children should be at their desk by 9.00a.m. Anyone arriving after this 9.00a.m. **MUST** be signed in at the office.



## PLEASE NOTE:

Supervision on playgrounds is from 8.50a.m.

## New baby



We are delighted to share the news that Mrs Cunningham's little baby girl, Charlotte Ava, arrived in August.

## Breakfast Club Price List

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Pancake	40p
Toast	25p
Beans & toast	65p
Cereal	30p
Scone	35p
Wheaten bread	25p
Fresh fruit pot	45p
Milk	15p
Juice	25p
Tea	40p

## Attendance

### Safeguarding & Child Protection Requirements

A morning phonecall to the school office is required if your child will be absent.

A note is required for their class teacher on their return to explain the absence.

**Congratulations to all those who were able to attend school on as many days as possible. The overall attendance last year was 94.6%. This is an improvement on the previous year.**

We will do our best to meet or beat this during the incoming year because:

“Ensuring that all of our children are engaged and involved in education is the best way for us to invest in their future success. Attending school regularly can help pupils maximise their own life chances and the potential contribution they can make to society and our future economy.”

*Miss School = Miss Out, 2016)*

Please find attached a copy of the school holidays for the 2019—2020 school year. These dates will be available on the school web-site.

You will be notified of any other *unexpected* closures as soon as possible.

100% Attendance	0 Days Missed	Excellent
95% Attendance	9 Days of Absence = 1 Week and 4 Days of Learning Missed	Satisfactory
90% Attendance	19 Days of Absence = 3 Weeks and 4 Days of Learning Missed	Poor
85% Attendance	28 Days of Absence = 5 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed	Very Poor
80% Attendance	38 Days of Absence = 7 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed	Unacceptable
75% Attendance	46 Days of Absence = 9 Weeks and 1 Day of Learning Missed	Unacceptable

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## Allergy reminder

We have children at our school who have a life-threatening allergy to nuts, nut products and eggs.

Medical advice states that our school should be made a '**NUT & EGG FREE ZONE**' as children with these allergies go into anaphylactic shock within minutes of being in contact with these products or even touching other children who have eaten these products.

We would ask you to support us in this by not sending nuts, nut products or eggs into school. Thank-you.

## Spare Clothes

It would be helpful if children had a spare pair of socks and blue t-shirt in their bags. These clothes can then be used if they get wet or dirty during playtimes.

Thank-you



## Milk

Milk will be available in school at break time from Monday 9th September. If you wish your child to have milk from this date please send £6.80 payment in an envelope with your child/ children's name/s to their class teacher. Money **must** be paid a week in advance.

**Please Note: The milk suppliers will only adapt numbers for a temporary period during September.**



## School Dinners

School dinners remain at the same — £2.60 per day.

We would appreciate Dinner Money paid at the beginning of the week. Collection and recording of this money uses up class time.