



September & October News 2017



Welcome back to a new school year - we hope you had a good summer. A special welcome to all our Nursery and P1 pupils.

Welcome back also and thank you to all the staff who have been working so hard to get the school ready and organised for the new school year.

Staff News

Congratulations to Mrs Ferguson, her husband and family on the birth of Joe, a new son and brother.

Congratulations also to Mr Elliott on his recent engagement to Heather.

Early Morning Supervision is available as normal in the school hall from 8.30 am each morning. Teachers supervise in the classroom from 8.45am.

Additional early cover is available from 8.15am - 8.30am at a cost of 50p each morning. Mrs Wright or Mrs Wilson will supervise the children at this time in the staffroom.

Door Access From 9am until 3pm the front door of the school is locked using an access system. If your child arrives at school between these times please make sure they have gained access to the building before you drive off.

After School Care continues to be available Monday - Friday from 2- 3pm for P1 and P2 children and Thursday and Friday for P3 children. The cost is £2.50 per day, which includes a snack. Please forward payment for this in a sealed envelope clearly showing your child's name and the days on which care is needed. It would be preferred if this could be forwarded at the beginning of the month. If this is not possible it should be sent on Monday morning for the incoming week.

Reminder P3 stay until 3pm on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Home Time P1, P2 (everyday) and P3 (Thursdays and Fridays) will go to the gate a couple of minutes before 2pm in the anticipation that all children will have left by 2pm to enable infant teachers to have a prompt start to their afternoon class. Any child not collected will join the afterschool club.

Absences for appointments etc. All children leaving during the school day for appointments etc must be signed out with the school secretary.

Swimming for P6 at Cookstown Leisure Centre commences on Friday 8th September. Children can have school dinner or packed lunch on return to school.

Swimming for P5 at Dungannon Leisure Centre commences on Wednesday 13th September.



Parking

Please drive carefully and park sensibly in and around the school grounds. Please respect the designated parking areas for the school bus, disabled drivers, staff, parents and visitors. These are in place



P7 After School Transfer Club starts Wednesday 6th September 3-4pm.

After School Football for P6 & P7 begins on Tuesday 12th September for 6 weeks from 3- 4pm.

After School Rugbytots for P2 & P3 begins Thursday 14th September for 6 weeks, 2- 3pm.

Afterschool Rugby for P4 & P5 pupils begins on Thursday 14th September for 6 weeks, 3-4pm.

Dinner Money School Dinners cost £2.60 per day, £13.00 per week. To save valuable secretarial time could we please ask you to keep sending the correct dinner money, in sealed envelopes clearly labelled with your child's name and class. Money should be sent on Monday or the first day of the school week.

Cheques for Dinner Money should be made payable to the Education Authority.

Cheques for all other payments should be made to BUSH PS. We cannot accept cheques for amounts less than £20.00 due to banking charges.

Uniform Please ensure that all items of your child's clothing and possessions are clearly labelled as soon as possible.

Next Holiday

Monday 30th October - Friday 3rd November inclusive

Illness Children who are unable to go outside at break or lunch due to illness must bring a note to their teacher detailing the reason(s) why and the likely duration.

Absences On their return to school, children who are absent due to illness must bring a note (even if you have telephoned to tell us of the absence) detailing the reason why and dates of absence. If you prefer, this can be emailed to shall563@c2kni.net Please note that the absence of any child due to a holiday must be recorded on our system as unauthorised. Please try to ensure holidays do not coincide with term time.

Harvest Service will be held on Thursday 20th October @ 9.30pm.

TRIPS

P7 Literacy/ Numeracy event at Drumglass High School Wednesday 27th September.

AQE Common Entrance Assessment

P7 Parents; Familiarisation day - Saturday 14th October @ 10.00am RSD.



Parent Information Each teacher from P2 - P7 will be sending you out some information for the year ahead about homework etc.

Flyers From time to time throughout the year you may receive 'flyers' from school about other events and clubs. We are merely forwarding these on to you - not necessarily endorsing them.

Healthy Break All children are encouraged to eat a 'healthier option' snack at break time, Monday to Thursday ie fruit, yoghurt (low sugar), cheese, sandwiches, crackers etc. Friday is treat day and the children may bring crisps etc.

Birthday Cakes /Pets In order to ensure the well - being of those children with specific allergies and medical needs we can no longer allow birthday cakes to be brought into school for sharing with classmates or pets for show and tell sessions.



Advance Notification Individual parent /teacher meetings for all pupils will take place from **Monday 23rd October - Friday 27th October 2 - 4pm**. All children will go home at 1.50pm on these dates. More details to follow. Please note there will be no after school care club from 2-3pm on these dates. The school bus will be available at this earlier closing time.

THINK Have you changed your address or mobile number? Have you let us know? Up to date mobile numbers are essential for our text messaging service.

