



St Brigid's Newsletter

September 2018



Welcome back to school everyone!

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We hope you all had a happy and relaxing Summer break and are looking forward to the opportunities ahead this academic year.



School Morning Routines

At the beginning of a new school year it is important we establish good routines- this ensures a safe and secure learning environment. The morning bell now rings at 8.55 so that class can start school at 9.00 am. Pupils are welcome to enter the school grounds from 8.40 am when adults will be on duty in the playgrounds. Please take note that pupils **MUST NOT** be left unsupervised in the school grounds before this time. After 9.00am children must enter the school by the main door.

- Safeguarding/ Child Protection -

If you have any worries or concerns about the welfare of your child or any other child in St Brigid's Primary School you should speak with either Ms Lloyd (V.P) or if she is not available Mrs Miller (Principal).

Ms Lloyd is the Designated Teacher for Child Protection.

Mrs Miller is the Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection.

The Governor with responsibility for Safeguarding is Mrs P. Martin

I would like to remind you that Breakfast Club opens at 8:15am each morning with last orders at 8:45am. There is no cost for children on free school meals. For children not on free school meals the cost remains at 50p. If you feel you are entitled to free school meals please request a form from the secretary's office. Even if it would not be your intention at this stage for your child to avail of the free school meals and uniform grant to which they are entitled, it is still important that you register your entitlement as soon as possible.



Healthy Breaks



Please encourage your children to bring a healthy snack and lunch. Pupils should not bring sweets, chocolate, crisps or fizzy drinks. Please do not send NUT BASED products into school.

Speaking with the Class Teacher...

We understand that on occasions, you may need to speak with your child's class teacher. If this is the case, we kindly ask that you ring the school Office to make an appointment. Teachers are not available first thing in the morning or at 2.00pm as many have duties and classroom preparations. Making an appointment helps us to give you due care and time - thank you in advance for your help with this matter.



Please note there will be no one in the Office between 12 & 1pm daily.

Labelling School Items

Please remember to label all items of uniform with your child's name and class. This helps us to return lost items to their correct owner quickly. (Don't forget about lunchboxes and school bags!)

Important Dates for your Diary



17th September- P1 full day at school

18th September- PTA AGM 7.00pm

26th September- European Day of languages. The children will receive a selection of foods from European countries for their break.

- A donation of 50p is asked to defray the cost.

28th September- Non Uniform Day £1.00 to help raise school funds

8th October- Beginning of year School Mass

17th October- School Photographer

24th/25th October- Parent Consultations. *School will close for all pupils at 2.00pm*

25th October - Halloween Disco P1-3 @ 1.00pm P4-7 @ 6.30pm

Mon 29th - Fri 2nd Nov- Halloween Holidays

8th Nov & 22nd Nov- *School will close for all pupils at 2.00pm to facilitate staff training*

30th November - Non Uniform Day £1.00 to help raise school funds

3rd December- Open Night 7.00pm

13th & 14th December P1-P3 Christmas Shows starting 9.30am

21st December - End of Term

Class assemblies:

P3 - 28th September

P2 - 5th October

P2/3- 19th October

P4 - 9th November

P6/7 - 14th November

P4/5- 23rd November

P5- 30th November

P6- 7th December

A big thank you to our Parents Association who have secured 4 grants for us.

£925 for Cead Mile Failte Romhat! Project

£750 for Down to Earth Project

£1,000 for Step Up In Down Project

£1,500 for Community Mural Project

What a busy fortnight!

- Our Curriculum information sessions took place on 11th & 12th September.
- The Annual book fair ran from Tuesday 11th September until Friday 14th September.
- We celebrated Roald Dahl Day on 13th September.
- Our P1 Parents joined us for our Come Dine with Me experience on 13th September



And Finally...

Every single one of our pupils are special to us. We value their unique personalities, talents and what they bring to our school. We want to nurture their love of learning, their belief in themselves and in the adults around them. We strive to make sure every child fulfils their potential. As your new principal, I am looking forward to getting to know you all in the year ahead and to continue to develop the school ethos of Learning and Growing Together.