

Weekly News

Friday 10th September



New Times

Your efforts to be punctual in the morning are greatly appreciated! This helps the school day run more smoothly. If however, for some reason you are later than 8.55am, please ensure that you accompany your child/ren to the office to be signed in.

Illness

We would ask that you continue to inform us in writing of any illness/absence. Any Covid 19 symptoms should be reported immediately.

After School Clubs

We have had an amazing first week of clubs. The children really enjoyed the variety. Thank you to the staff and facilitators!

PATHS

As a Shared Education initiative with St Olcan's we are working with Barnardos on the PATHS programme. PATHS stands for teaching alternative thinking strategies. Teachers will share activities through Seesaw.

Friday Fun

Last week saw the launch of our 'Friday Fun'. All pupils are provided opportunities to learn Spanish, engage in Performing Arts, play outdoor and indoor games. This learning is vital to build up the children's confidence and ability to learn new skills.

PE kit

Reminder- only navy bottoms and a plain white t-shirt should be worn with school jumper/hoody. No alternative colours or hoodies are allowed to be worn.

Homework

Written homework will gradually be introduced this week. Teachers will inform you via Seesaw about what is expected. We understand that new routines may take time. Please support/encourage your child. Teachers are happy to advise/answer queries during non-teaching times within their working day.

Grand Opera House Trip

This year we have arranged a special treat to visit the Grand Opera House in Belfast. This will be an amazing experience for the children who have missed so many experiences in the past year. We plan to repeat this trip every other year. The cost is £20 per child which includes the bus to Belfast and ticket. The trip is set up as an item on Parent Pay with flexible payment options. This trip is optional-children will still be educated on site for those who are opting not to attend.

Swimming Programme

We are delighted to announce that swimming lessons are resuming for P4-7. This is an important part of the PE curriculum and an essential life skill for children to develop.

P5/6 will begin lessons Tuesday 21st September- Christmas break. P6/7 Christmas- Easter. P4 Easter- Summer term.

Music lessons

We are pleased to be working with the Music Loft (Ballymoney) Drum, guitar and piano lessons are being offered to P4-7 pupils. Those who have already expressed interest will be contacted through Seesaw.

P1

Our amazing P1 pupils have settled really well and are now staying in to 1pm every day this week!

Assessments

Teachers have been assessing children's progress and are continuing to group to ensure that work is suited to their ability. Please be aware that grouping may change throughout the year. Teachers will discuss progress during parent teacher meetings.

Engage Provision

Funding has been allocated to schools to boost support given to pupils. Within school this is being used in P1-4 with Mrs Steele giving daily focused Literacy and reading support this term. Mr Mc Kane will support pupils in P5-7 on Monday & Tuesday. Mrs Mc Kinney will continue to work with pupils on Tuesdays.



Key Dates:

Parent/teacher meetings-18th October

Harvest Celebration- 22nd October (pupils only)

25th-29th October Half Term Holidays