



School News

Mission Statement: Millisle Primary School aspires to be a place of excellence in learning, preparing children to be confident, resilient, respectful and caring members of our community.

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your patience with all the work going on with our heating system. It has been changed from oil to gas and will be more cost effective. Hopefully the work should be finished by the end of September. Children will be able to enter our school by our normal route when we receive the 'go ahead.'



During these next few weeks, we welcome you to stay as long or as short as you feel necessary, when dropping off your child. However, if your child is comfortable to be left,

do not stay for longer than necessary. When you leave, please let them know as simply 'disappearing' could confuse and distress your child. Parents are welcome to ring the nursery at any time to check that their child has settled on 02891 862552. We welcome parents or relatives into nursery as volunteers to help with craft, trips, story-telling etc. If anyone would like to take up this invitation, please ask Mrs McAvoxy for the vetted volunteer forms, as this can take many months to clear!



Thank you to everyone who supported Mrs Mann's garage sale. All profits went to school funds. It was so kind of Mrs Mann to think of us. Please everyone help by having your great ideas!!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

We all know how important it is to attend school and we all try to be there every day. Of course we understand there will be sickness periods and medical appointments to attend, but I felt this grid shows what our report percentages mean in days away from school.

ATTENDANCE	
Percentage attendance	Number of days absent
95%	9
90%	18 (Half a day per week)
85%	28 (By P7 a full year of school)
80%	37 (One day per week)
75%	47

PE KIT P4 – P7

Remember your child needs to have our PE Kit for PE sessions: White T-shirt, navy or black shorts and the school hoody, if your child has one. Hoodies should not be worn to school, they should only be worn, if needed, during outdoor PE sessions.

NUT FREE ZONE

Millisle Primary School is a 'Nut Free Zone' and therefore parents should try not to put in any food containing nuts, into your child's lunch-box. We have a number of pupils who have been diagnosed with a severe allergic reaction to nuts. Your co-operation in this matter is very much appreciated.

EDUCATIONAL VISITS

Please ensure that you complete your child's visit consent forms throughout the year as it is compulsory that we have a signed form if you want your child to be included in the educational visit. We will not be telephoning home on the morning of the class visit. If there is no signed form your child will be unable to attend the visit.

CROSSING THE ROAD

If your child is unable to cross the Abbey Road by himself/herself, please ensure you are able to collect your child as **teachers are not allowed to help your child across the road. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter**

WELCOME

A very big welcome to Bailey and Clara who have recently joined our Nursery class and also to Giuliana who is in our Primary 5 class and Cameron who is joining our Primary 7 class. We know you will be very happy with us.

MESSAGES OF SUPPORT

Thank you very much everyone for all your ideas, actions and words of support towards us as we start another academic year, with no sign, as yet, of a substantial amount coming to our school budgets. We really appreciate everything you are doing to help your children and our staff. If there are any issues you want to discuss with our class teachers, SENCo or myself as principal, please do not hesitate to contact the school office on 91861471 to make an appointment. Always remember that Mrs S Moore is our Home School Liaison teacher and also she has just been appointed as our new SENCo.

School Calendar

SEPTEMBER

- 18 • P6 swimming commences
- 23 • Clubs commence
- 25 • P4 Class Visit
- 30 • SEN Interviews
- P1 children in school until 1.45 p.m. and may attend After School Care sessions.

OCTOBER

- 7- 11 • Book Week
- 24 • Flu Vaccines
- 25 • FMPS Non-Uniform Day
- School Closes at 1.30 p.m. – P1 – P4 and 1.45 p.m. – P5 – P7

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

P1 and Nursery children may join the programme of activities from Monday 30th September. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs McAvoy. Please let us know on a Monday the details of your child's bookings for the week.

SWIMMING

The swimming sessions are for P6 children this term. Please encourage your children to participate in these lessons as they are statutory in the PE curriculum.

POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Remember that we have a parents' section on our school website www.millisleprimary.co.uk where you will find our school policies and procedures links.

OUR NO CAKE POLICY

In line with our healthy snack programme we have decided to have a "no birthday cake" policy from this academic year. Please do not send in any cake with your child, as we have numerous children with allergies and children who are not allowed a high amount of sugar in their diet. Thank you for your co-operation.

FMPS & N

Thank you to everyone who attended our FMPS & N AGM. The following members were elected for our 2019-20 committee:

STAFF	Mrs L Patterson Mrs Mulholland (Honorary Treasurer) Mr I McManus Mrs C Dines
N/P5	Mrs K Marshall (Joint Secretary)
P1	Mrs L Graham
P1/3	Mrs S Haddock
P1/3	Mrs L Pugh
P1/6	Mrs E Pollock (Honorary Treasurer)
P1/7	Mrs E McCormick (Joint Secretary)
P2	Ms L Graham
P2/4	Mrs E McCrea
P2/P5	Mrs A Williamson
P3	Mrs C Carleton
P3/6	Mrs C McKibbin
P4	Mr A McBride (Chairperson)
P5	Mrs M Marshall
P5	Mrs A Allen
P5/7	Mrs K Trimble

HEALTHY SNACKS - Recommendations

If you have decided to remove your child from our Healthy Snack Programme, please only send in "healthy snacks" with him/her each day. We promote healthy eating in school and follow the Public Health Agency guidelines which are:

- Drinks – milk or water (No fruit juices, smoothies or fizzy drinks please)
- Fruit and Vegetables (Processed fruit bars are not suitable as they are high in sugar)
- Bread based snacks – bread rolls, baguettes, plain bagels, wheaten, soda, potato or pitta bread, bread sticks, crackers or a sandwich. (Not suitable – cereal bars, pastries, pancakes, scones, fruit bread, brioche, croissants and Danish pastries as these contain a lot of sugar and/or fat and salt)

The Departments of Education and Health, Social Services and Public Safety encourage all schools to provide healthier food and drinks throughout the day.

The website to use for ideas is:

www.education-ni.gov.uk

WAYS TO CONTACT US

If you need to contact me outside school hours, please use the following email address:

info@millisleps.newtownards.ni.sch.uk

TWITTER

Lots of exciting photographs and articles are appearing on a regular basis – please keep checking!

Millisle Primary @Millisle PS