



Millisle
Nursery Unit

Newsletter

Week beginning Monday 22nd March

All pupils are back to school full time. Please strictly adhere to surname based drop off and pick up times and points that have been used all year. The limited car park space means we must limit the number of people on site at any given time in order to ensure social distancing. Therefore, we are asking that people drop off and pick up children as efficiently as possible and use Dojo to contact teachers if you have a query.

Snack

Heathy snack is up and running as usual with payments made online using School Money. Monday to Thursday pupils will receive toast and apples with yogurt and pancakes on a Friday. All this for just 25p per day paid on a monthly basis. At this point, pupils are still asked to bring their own water. The option of milk will be available once again in due course.



Dogs

Dogs should not be brought onto school grounds unless they are guide dogs. We have a staff of dog lovers here in Millisle Primary and appreciate that people would like to combine the morning or afternoon walk to school with a walk for their dog. Mrs Patterson issued advice last year on why dogs are not permitted beyond the school gate. This advice still stands.



Uniform

Mr McManus issued a letter on Class Dojo regarding uniform earlier this week. Please endeavour to meet our uniform requirements where possible. However, we do recognise it is more difficult than ever at this point in time to replace items.



COVID-19:

We would ask that all parents continue to adhere to Covid measures when on the school site. Please remember to keep social distancing on 2 metres in place at all times. Education minister, Peter Weir, has again called for the wearing of masks by all those without a medical exemption.

Dates for your Diary

17th March	St Patrick's Day – Normal School hours
26th March	Pupils finish school for Easter at noon or 12.15 p.m.
13th April	Pupils return to school after Easter
30th April	Staff Development Day – school closed for pupils
3rd May	Bank Holiday
28th May	Staff Development day – school closed for pupils
31st May	Bank Holiday
30th June	School ends for summer at noon or 12.15 p.m.

Drop Off – Pick Up Times

Surname	N	P1-P3	P4-P7
A-L	Arrive: 8:50 Leave: 13:20	Arrive: 8:45 Leave: 13:30	Arrive: 8:45 Leave: 14:30 <i>(P6&7 leave via bottom gate)</i>
M-Z	Arrive: 9:00 Leave: 13:30	Arrive: 9:00 Leave: 13:45	Arrive: 9:00 Leave: 14:45 <i>(P6&7 leave via bottom gate)</i>

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Outdoor Learning

Mr McManus informed parents a number of weeks ago that he would like pupils to experience as many practical outdoor experiences as possible in Term 3. He has set up an online permission form where parents can give permission for their child to go on short class trips to the beach, park, community garden etc.

The permission will apply to the entirety of Term 3 as we look to make a big effort in the area of pupil health and wellbeing after such a long period of uncertainty for our pupils. EA Risk Assessment documents have been uploaded online for your reference.



Building Work

The extensions that are currently being built at both the front and rear of school will be completed in early May. Thank you for your continued patience throughout this period of disruption. The new facilities alongside recent internal upgrades are very welcome.