



**4<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

### **BREAKFAST CLUB**

Breakfast Club has now started and costs **£2 per day**. £10 may be sent in on a Monday if paying for a week. Correct money would be a great help. Children can receive breakfast from 8.00am. They will stay in the lunch hall until 8.45am when other pupils can enter the school grounds. **There is no supervision prior to 8.45am for pupils who are not attending this club so please do not send your children before this time.**

Initially children in P2-7 can start attending Breakfast Club, although it may be possible for P1 pupils who have older siblings at the school to start coming providing they are settled enough to cope with doing so – please contact the school if you wish your P1 pupil to be considered for this.

### **SCHOOL DINNERS**

School dinners have also recommenced at a cost of £2.60 per day (£13 each week). If paying by cheque please make it payable to Education Authority. It is school policy that dinner money is collected on a Monday morning.

### **SCHOOL UNIFORM SUPPLIERS**

Please note that we have changed our school uniform suppliers to Ski and Sports (Duncrue Industrial Estate) and an online service operated by TESCO. There will be a difference in price and quality between both suppliers and parents can decide which company they wish to order from.

### **PE UNIFORM FOR 2018-19 REMINDER**

Please note the PE uniform that children in P5-7 are required to wear during PE sessions is as follows:

Pupils **may** wear the T-shirt and shorts with the school logo but this is not essential. All children are required to wear a **plain white T Shirt and navy shorts (these do not have to have the school logo embroidered) or navy tracksuit bottoms/leggings and trainers**. This is more affordable and manageable for parents as these items are widely available at very little cost.

Please note that P1-P4 children are required to change from school shoes to PE shoes for PE and take off their sweatshirts.

In line with school policy only one pair of small stud earrings and a watch may be worn at any time in school. No other jewellery should be worn with school uniform. Earrings must be removed by the pupil or covered with plasters provided by parents for PE and watches must also be removed. Watches and earrings are the responsibility of the pupil and cannot be looked after or removed by members of staff.

We would ask that P1-P4 pupils continue to keep a named pair of PE shoes in a named shoe bag on their pegs throughout the year. P5-P7 pupils must ensure that correct PE kit is brought to school on designated days.

### **FREE SCHOOL MEALS AND UNIFORM GRANTS**

We would ask that parents apply if you are eligible to do so. This does not mean that your child needs to have a dinner if they prefer to have a packed lunch, but **it will ensure that the Department of Education gives additional money into the school budget.** Like most schools, our finances are in a very difficult position and so any help to increase our budget needs to be taken. Please contact school if you require any clarification or further information about this.

### **ABSENCE NOTES**

Please ensure that absence notes are returned to school before the end of the week so that we can record any absences for your child accurately. Please note that we expect children to attend school regularly and punctually unless they are ill. Children who have had vomiting and diarrhoea should remain off school for two days after their symptoms have gone.

### **FAREWELL**

We are sad to inform you that Mr Leitch, our Building Supervisor is leaving in the next few weeks to take up a new post in another school. Mr Leitch has been a wonderful Building Supervisor and will be greatly missed. We wish him well for the future.

### **FAMILY GARDENING DAY**

We will be holding another Family Gardening Day on the 8<sup>th</sup> September from 2.00 - 5.00pm in the school grounds. This will include an Autumn clear up and harvesting of produce. We extend a special invitation to our new P1 parents and children. Refreshments will be available and parents and children are invited to come along either for the whole time or to call in for whatever length of time they can spare. This is a great opportunity to meet others, help improve our gardens and learn some new gardening skills!

### **INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS**

These will be held in school tomorrow (**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September**). Children must wear school uniform as this photograph is placed on their individual school record. Children should report to class as normal on Wednesday morning and each class will be called to the Assembly Hall when the photographer is ready for them. Family group photos will also be taken with siblings who attend the school. Team photos will be taken at a later date.

### **HEALTHY BREAK**

The importance of living a healthy lifestyle is highlighted through our teaching and would ask that you reinforce this message to our children by ensuring that you provide them with a healthy break. We have a Healthy Break Policy which is available from our school website or on request from the school office.

### **WELL DONE**

Congratulations to: Hannah (P5H) – passed her Grade 1 Tenor Horn exam; and Dylan W (P5O) – passed his Grade 1 Tenor Horn and Grade 2 Piano exams. Well done to both our talented pupils!

### **PTA**

Please note that the first PTA meeting of the new year will be held in the school on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 8pm. This will also be the AGM for this group. Everyone is very welcome and encouraged to attend. We need your help and ideas!