

# Bushmills Primary School & Nursery Unit



September 2016

## Welcome Back!

It's hard to believe that the summer has gone and already the long, clear evenings are fast disappearing.

Although the number of 'good days' were few and far between, I trust everyone had a relaxing and pleasant break and are hopefully well rested and ready to once again embark on a new school year.

September as always brings changes to Bushmills Primary School & Nursery Unit as we welcome our new pupils into Nursery and Primary One.

During the past week, preparations in school have been on-going as staff look forward to meeting their new classes. Also during the summer months some work has been completed both within and outside the school building. Although these have been minor projects I do hope you recognise the improvements.

For everyone here in school it is my hope and prayer that this incoming year will be one which will be enjoyable and exciting and will open up many opportunities and challenges.

## We're Going Back To School



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## Extended Schools

I am delighted once again to report that Extended School Activities will commence on Monday 5th September. Please note that due to funding cuts activities will only run from Monday to Thursday. Full details are as follows:-



### MONDAY

P1 + P2 - (2pm-3pm) - £1.50

P3, P4, P5, P6 + P7 - (3pm - 4pm) - £1.50

### TUESDAY

P1, P2 + P3 - (2pm-3pm) - £1.50

P4, P5, P6 + P7 - (3pm-4pm) - £1.50

Tennis - P4, P5, P6 + P7 - (3pm - 4pm) - £1.50

### WEDNESDAY

P1 + P2 - (2pm - 3pm) - £1.50

P4, P5, P6 + P7 - (3pm -4pm) - £1.50

### THURSDAY

P1, P2 + P3 SPORTS (2pm-3pm) - £1.50

P4, P5, P6 + P7 - (3pm-4pm) - £1.50

Football - P4, P5, P6 + P7 - (3pm - 4pm) - £1.50

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## School Dinners

Please note we have been informed by the Education Authority (EA) that School dinners will remain at £2.50 per day, £12.50 per week. Nursery dinners remain at £2.40 per day, £12.00 per week.



Where possible, pupils are asked to bring their dinner money for the week on a Monday morning.

## Milk Money

Milk money will remain at £1.00 per week and must be paid a week in advance, (this is to accommodate milk orders being processed by Ballyrashane Creamery.)



Milk money **must** be paid on a Monday in order for your child to receive milk the following week.

E.g. any child wanting milk the week beginning Monday 12th September will have to bring their money on Monday 5th September.

Any child wanting milk next week commencing Monday 5th September should bring their money to school tomorrow Friday 2nd September.

## Water Bottles

Just a quick reminder that all pupils in Primary 2-Primary 7 have now been given their own "School Water Bottles" which have been marked clearly with their own names. Rather than paying for water on a monthly basis, pupils can now bring their own personalised bottles with them to school each day.



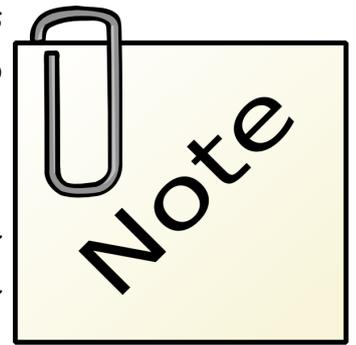
Please note, that these bottles should be filled at home with water only, if required these can be refilled at school throughout the day. If for any reason your child requires another water bottle, these can be purchased from the school office at a cost of £2.50.

## Absences

In order to enable the school to authorise any absence a note (signed and dated) must be sent into the school with your child on the date that he/she returns to school, explaining the reason for the absence.

If possible, when a child has an appointment a note must be sent to the school that morning informing the class teacher when they will be collected in order to attend the appointment.

Please note that "Absence Notes" can be collected from Mrs Collins in the school office and completed if required.



## School Crossing Patrol

Please note that school crossing patrol times will be as follows: -

Monday—Friday

8:30am—9:10am

1:30pm—2:20pm

2:50pm—3:20pm



Could I also take this opportunity to remind all parents that school starts at 9:00am sharp for all pupils (Nursery - Primary 7). Playground supervision takes place from 8:50am - 9:00am.

I would ask that as parents you encourage your child/children to line up promptly once the bell rings at 9:00am so they are ready once their teacher comes to the playground to collect them.

## Classes finish at the following times:

P1 & P2      1.50pm Daily

P3            1.50pm Tuesday & Thursday

3.00pm Monday, Wednesday & Friday

P4 -P7      3.00pm Daily

## School Uniform

It is great to see 1st September and all pupils arriving into school looking very smart in their school uniform. Could I please remind you (if you have not already done so) to ensure that all school uniforms are marked clearly with your child's name and class. Sadly every year a number of school sweatshirts, skirts, trousers etc. are found although due to the fact they have no names, we are unable to return them to their owners.



## Breakfast Club



I am delighted to report that Breakfast Club will run on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:20am—8:50am. The cost will remain at £1.00

## Diary Dates

Please find attached to this newsletter a list of Diary/Holiday dates for the coming academic year. I trust that you find this list informative and hope that by sending holiday dates out in advance this will help any families who may be planning ahead regarding holidays for next year.

Although all dates are important I would like to draw your attention to two weeks in May, i.e. Revision Week and Assessment Week and would request all pupils are in attendance during these weeks.

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Dates for  
the Diary:

## Congratulations!



A huge congratulations must go to Mr and Mrs Sheridan (nee Calvin) who got married during the summer. From all of us here at Bushmills Primary School and Nursery Unit we wish them both all the very best for their future lives together.

## Homework Bag

Please note, should your child require a new homework bag, this can be purchased from Mrs Collins in the School Office at a cost of £3.00.



## Car Park Reminder

Could I please remind parents that all pupils (when leaving school) will be walked down by their teachers to the school gate, where they must be collected.

I would again request that cars should not be entering the school grounds to drop off or pick up pupils as the safety of our children is paramount!