

Bushmills Primary School & Nursery Unit



September 2015

Welcome Back!

Where has summer gone or perhaps you may ask... "What summer?"

Regardless of the weather I trust everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing break and are hopefully well rested and ready as we embark on a new school term.

During the past week preparations in school have been on-going as staff look forward to meeting their new classes.

September also brings changes to Bushmills Primary School & Nursery Unit as we welcome our new pupils into Primary 1 and of course not forgetting our new pupils into Nursery. As well as that we also welcome 3 new pupils Kenzie, William and Millie-Ann and hope they will be very happy here at Bushmills Primary School and Nursery Unit. A special "Welcome" must also go to Mrs Collins (our new school Clerical Officer) and Mr Carleton (our new school Crossing Patrol). We hope they will settle into

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their roles here in school and wish them all the best!

For everyone here in school I personally hope and pray it proves to be an enjoyable and exciting year which will open up lots of opportunities and challenges.

"The object of education is to prepare the young to educate themselves throughout their lives".

Robert Maynard Hutchins

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Extended Schools

I am delighted to report that Extended Schools Activities will commence again on Monday 7th September.

Unfortunately funding for Extended Schools has been cut this year therefore activities will only run From Monday to Thursday.

Full details are as follows:-



September 2015 - March 2016

MONDAY

P1 + P2 - (2pm-3pm) - £1.50

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

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

TUESDAY

P1, P2 + P3 - (2pm-3pm) - £1.50

P4, P5, P6 + P7 - (3pm-4pm) - £1.50

WEDNESDAY

P1 + P2 - (2pm - 3pm) - £1.50

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

THURSDAY

P1, P2 + P3 SPORTS (2pm-3pm)
- £1.50

P4, P5, P6 + P7 - (3pm-4pm) -
£1.50

- Extended Schools will begin on Monday 7th September 2015.
- Children will get fresh fruit and water at all extended schools activities.

School Dinners

We have been informed by EA that School Dinner will now be £2.50 per day, £12.50 per week. Nursery Dinner is now £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 14th September will have to bring their money on Monday 7th September.

Any child wanting milk next week commencing Monday 7th September should bring their money to school tomorrow Wednesday 2nd September.

Water Bottles

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 or annual 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.

Absences

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

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.



Diary Dates

Please find a list of Diary/Holiday dates attached to this month's newsletter.



School Crossing Patrol

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

Monday—Friday

8:35am—9:15am

1:25pm—2:15pm

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.

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

Congratulations!



A huge congratulations must go to Myrtle and Reggie 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.

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!



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Holiday Dates 2015 - 2016

New School Year Begins	1 September 2015
Parent/Teacher Interviews	21 and 22 October (2-4pm)
Staff Training (Twilight)	23 October - School finishes at 1:50pm (PI-P7)
Half Term Vacation	26 - 30 October
Start of Term	2 November
Open Afternoon	13 November (1:15-2:30pm)
Staff Training	4 December (school closed for all pupils)
End of Term (Christmas)	18 December (12 noon)
Christmas Vacation	21 December - 1 January
Start of Term	4 January
Half Term Vacation	15 - 16 February
End of Term (Easter)	23 March (12 noon)
Easter Vacation	24 - 1 April
Start of Term	4 April
May Day Holiday	2 May
Revision Week	16 - 20 May
Assessment Week	23 - 27 May
Sports Day	27 May
School Closure	30 May - 3 June
Parent/Teacher Interviews	22 and 23 June (2-4pm)
Prize Day	24 June
End of Term	30 June (12 noon)

N.B. All dates are inclusive and there will be a further 2 teacher training days to be decided.

