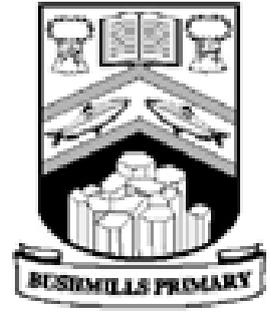


Bushmills Primary School & Nursery Unit



September 2016

September Update

As we move into the second full week of term I am pleased to report that all pupils are settling well into their new classes. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you all of the following:

Extended Schools

All Extended Schools activities are now underway and I am delighted that numbers attending are steady. I can confirm that Tennis Coaching sessions for Primary 4 to Primary 7 pupils will commence this week on Tuesday afternoons between 3:00pm and 4:00pm. (Please note that pupils may bring their own racquets, however this is not essential).

I can also confirm that Football sessions for Primary 4 to Primary 7 pupils will commence this week on Thursday afternoons between 3:00pm and 4:00pm.

I am delighted to report that on Wednesday afternoons we are offering a 24 week programme "Lights, Camera, Confidence", which offers a wide range of workshops and is delivered in 6 week blocks. The 6 weeks blocks cover a range of activities to include Drama, Life Skills, Dance/Fitness and Art. This programme is exciting and fun and is open to all pupils (Primary 1 & Primary 2—2:00pm to 3:00pm and Primary 3 to Primary 7 — 3:00pm -4:00pm). Please note that Primary 3 pupils can attend on Wednesday afternoons.

Please note that pupils must be collected promptly each day following Extended Schools Activities.

Pupil Safety

Over the past week I have noticed a few actions which I feel could put the safety of our pupils (your children!) at risk. Please take note of the following:

1. Some parents are continuing to drive into the school grounds in order to drop off or collect pupils. Once again I would ask that you do not drive into the school grounds as the safety of our pupils is our top priority
2. When collecting your child/children I would ask that once you have parked safely you get out of your car and walk towards the school gates to collect your child/children. Please note (in order to meet Child Protection requirements) that teachers **will not** allow pupils to walk up the pavement (or be crossed over to the other side) unless the person collecting them is either directly outside the school gates or on the other side of the road (directly opposite the school gates). I am aware that this instruction may cause some annoyance (especially on wet days), however I would ask that you follow my request. Unfortunately, too many accidents happen outside school gates and I am sure you would agree we do not want the gates of Bushmills Primary on the news for this reason!

If you have any queries or concerns regarding any of the above information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Breakfast Club

Could I remind you that Breakfast Club will be held in school on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:20am to 8:50am. Also please note that supervision in the playground begins each morning at 8:50am therefore I would love to see pupils who are arriving in school early coming into Breakfast Club!

Get Well Wishes

Sadly Mrs Howard (Christina) who works in our school kitchen was involved in a serious car accident last Friday as she made her way home from school.

Unfortunately, Mrs Howard is currently in the Royal Victoria Hospital in Belfast. All staff and pupils are deeply saddened and wish Mrs Howard a speedy recovery.