

**School Information for Parents/Guardians**

**Monday 5 September 2022**

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**Back to school!!**

It is great to see the children back at school full of excitement and eager to do well in their new school year. We hope that we can build upon the steps we took back to normal school life last year and we hope that this will continue throughout this school year. The children are a credit to you all and we hope that all the routines we have in place will continue to keep everyone safe. Thank you all for your continued support in working with us to keep the school open and safe.

**A word of thanks!!**

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Don, Rachel and Donna for their great work over the summer in preparing the school for the children coming back in September. The school is looking fantastic!

Thanks also must go to all the staff for their hard work in getting everything ready for the new school year. There is a lot of hard work in making sure that everything is in place for the beginning of the school year. I wish the school and its community every success and God’s blessing for the year ahead.

**Monday 5 September**

* Breakfast Club open every day 8.00 – 9.00 am
* After School Club open every day 2.00 - 5.30pm
* Dinner menu Week 2

**Tuesday 6 September**

* **Swimming Class B (1.00-1.30pm) and Year 5 (1.30-2.00 pm) £3.50 per week**

**Wednesday 7 September**

**Thursday 8 September**

**Friday 9 September**

* Principal Awards

**Up and coming information & dates for your Diary**

**After School Childcare – Spaces available!!!**

* Sunshine Club: 2.00 – 3.00 pm (£2) 3.00 – 5.30 pm (£2 per hour or part thereof)
* Breakfast Club: 8.00 – 9.00 am (£2 per day)
* **Staff Development Day: Wednesday 12 October School Closed.**
* **Mid Term Break October/November 2022:**

Monday 31 October to Friday 4 November (inclusive)

**Christmas Break 2022:**

12 noon Wednesday 21 December – Friday 6 January (inclusive)

Have a very enjoyable weekend and thanks for your continued support.

Mr K O’Neill Principal

**St Brigid’s Primary School – Castle Street – Ballymoney – BT53 6JX – 028 27662664**

**FREE SCHOOL MEALS and UNIFORM GRANTS**

**Important Information**

Could your child be entitled to free school meals?

Did your child receive free school meals last year?

Remember you may need to confirm details with the Education Authority. If you think you are entitled but are unsure about what to do please call the office for advice.

All details with regards to eligibility and application can be found on the Education Authority website:

<https://www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals-uniform-grants>

**NUT FREE SCHOOL**

**St Brigid’s PS is a Nut Free School. There is a child in our school with a Nut Allergy.**

**Please do not send in Nuts or Nut Spreads to school.**

**Speed in the Chapel Car Park**

Please be mindful of your speed in the chapel car park when dropping off and picking up the children. The car park is busy with children moving to and from cars. All drivers must be careful. Speed limit is 10 miles per hour.

**Important Notice**

When using the car park at the chapel, please do not park in front of the gates as they are emergency exits and must be kept clear at all times for access. There are a good number of spaces to park in so please use the designated parking spaces. Please do not park in the disabled space without a blue badge as some cars need this facility.

The front car park is very busy and only for children arriving by bus, taxi or for the Learning Support Centre.

**Online forms to be submitted**

The following forms are available by using the links below. **Please complete and submit the forms before Friday 9 September.** The electronic forms do not take long to complete and they mitigate against paper copies going back and forward between school and home.

A text message will be sent with quick access to the forms.

**ICT CODE OF PRACTICE AGREEMENT FOR PUPILS AND PARENTS**

To access the ICT Code of Practice Agreement for Pupils and Parents please click on the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/r/cZCCD83QsC>

**CONSENT FORM FOR PHOTOGRAPHS, FOOTAGE AND EDUCATIONAL TRIPS/VISITS OUT OF SCHOOL**

Please click on the following link to access the consent form to be submitted:

<https://forms.office.com/r/RvV1isxq5V>

**Pupil Absence**

If your child is absent from school please contact the school office on the first day of absence, give the reason for absence and possible duration.

Thank you

**IMPORTANT**

**PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE TO UPDATE ANY CHANGES TO CONTACT DETAILS AND/OR ADDRESS.**