

September 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian



A very warm welcome to any new families joining us for the very first time and a special welcome to all of our new Primary 1's. We trust you will all feel very much part of our school family.

Return to FULL School Uniform

We would like to praise all our pupils who have arrived in school looking very smart in full school uniform. We want you to help ensure this daily consistency throughout the year and remind everybody that *school uniform is COMPULSORY*. *Black shoes must be worn daily with trainers brought separately if playing football at break/lunchtimes or staying for after school/late club. Black shoes will get marked and will mark the sports hall floor during sporting activities, hence the need for a pair of trainers.*

*Each class teacher will make you aware of the child's class timetable and P.E. days. Children (P1-P5) should wear full school P.E. uniform on THESE DAYS ONLY. Primary 6 and 7 bring their PE uniform separately to change into at school. This helps prepare them for Post Primary transition. Our PE uniform consists of royal blue polo T-shirt (available from school office), trainers and plain black shorts or track bottoms (**strictly no football shorts or multi-coloured leggings are permitted**).*

Remember, you may be entitled to a grant towards school uniform/FREE School Meals and if not already done so, can make enquiries through the Education Authority website www.eani.org.uk. Even if only occasionally taking school dinner or not at all, availing of FSM provides EXTRA funding into our school budget to be spent on resources for our pupils and school.

Extra Curricular Clubs

Our ***Early Morning Club*** for P1-P7 (7.50-8.30am Monday to Friday) commences Monday 2nd Sept. ***After School Play Club*** for P1-P2 & (P3 Thurs-Fri) 1.30pm-2.30pm will also commence Monday 2nd Sept and run daily.

*Note changes to the ***Stay Late Club*** for P1-P7 (2.40-4.00pm) which will run 3 afternoons weekly (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday). **All children enrolling for these school clubs must be booked a week in advance before Sunday midnight via the online ParentPay platform** to ensure we can plan and prepare appropriately. Bookings CANNOT be taken during the week.

The Early Morning Club (£2 per day) provides pupils with the option of cereals (Rice Krispies/Cornflakes) or toast & milk daily. If your child has ***any food allergies***, please

ensure this is indicated on your child's medical form or contact the school office to update this.

ANY CHANGES TO CONTACT DETAILS SHOULD BE COMMUNICATED TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE IMMEDIATELY

After School Club (£3 daily) & Late Club (£3.50 daily) will continue to offer a drink and snack as well as varied fun activities for those pupils attending. The **Late Club** (Tues-Thurs) will offer a range of fun activities from Arts and Crafts, Go karts, movies and popcorn, gardening, singing and dancing and much, much more.



Jones JR Sports is NOW taking bookings via the live link at:

JONES JR SPORTS

HAMILTONSBAWN PS
MULTI SPORTS
AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Thursdays
P1-P3 from 1:30-2:30pm
P4-P7 from 2:40-3:40pm

19 | 26 Sep
3 | 10 | 17 | 24 Oct
7 | 14 Nov
(8 week block)

Price: £24 per child

A club that will help develop fundamental skills through various sports, including football, basketball, baseball, floorball, dodgeball, handball, american football, frisbee, cricket, rugby plus a week of Nerf Wars!

BOOK YOUR CHILD'S SPACE AT:
WWW.JONESJRSPTS.COM/COLLECTIONS/SCHOOL-CLUBS

WWW.JONESJRSPTS.COM/COLLECTIONS/SCHOOL-CLUBS for any P1-P7 keen to participate in the after School Multi Sports Clubs commencing 19th September (see poster below, on Schools NI App or Hamiltonsbawn PS, FB Page). **Places are limited and a waiting list will be kept should any be oversubscribed or be any cancellations.**

Healthy Eating Policy

We are keen to promote healthy eating during school hours. We offer a healthy break through our School Meals kitchen (only £1.50 per week with a choice of fruits or toast). If your child is bringing their own break, this should be a healthy option only. A packed lunch, should be healthy and balanced with no fizzy, sugary drinks or large bars of chocolate or bags of sweets. **We encourage ALL children to bring a bottle of water to drink and keep hydrated throughout the day too.**

Our hot school dinners will continue to be transported from the Hardy meal's kitchen in Barbara's absence. We will continue to keep you up-to-date regarding this situation.

School dinners will remain £2.60 for children (unless entitled to FSM) and are booked and paid for via the ParentPay App by Sunday midnight of the previous week. Always inform your child what you have ordered them daily so that they know what they're having when they approach the meals hatch. **Remember: even if not taking a school dinner, please apply for FREE School Meals (FSM) and a uniform grant through the EA website if entitled.**

* School milk is optional and is payable on ParentPay for Term 1.

Parental Support

Can I express my sincere thanks to the families and volunteers who helped maintain our school garden and poly tunnel over the Summer. We warmly welcome and encourage new and existing parents and friends volunteering to help out. As a small rural Primary School, we rely on this support to successfully run events. We will be in touch later this month to meet and start planning some fundraising and community events. Let the school office know if you would like to get involved and be kept up-to-date. Thank you.

We continue to seek parental volunteers to open and close our Community Play Park on a Rota basis. Some of our older volunteers are no longer able to fulfil this role and your community needs you. If you could spare a little time, please contact **Mr. Hutchinson**. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Pupil Information

Please inform school as soon as possible of any changes in address, telephone number or emergency contact details. We treat this information as strictly confidential, but it is essential that it is accurate, particularly where contact must be made in an emergency. Changes in other circumstances or health/medical details should also be communicated to the school as soon as they are known.

Lost Property

Unclaimed items of lost property will be donated towards our 'Cash for Clobber' campaign. Also, if you have any unwanted clothing, blankets, paired shoes etc. please place these in the purple clothing recycle bin located within the school grounds. This helps to sustain our Eco Schools work, stock the school polytunnel and sensory garden areas, thank you.

Communication

All families from last year should already have the Schools NI App for school to communicate with you through. If you are a new school family or have a child starting P1, we need you to accept a link from our website provider to download the **Schools NI** App. Please do so immediately so that you don't miss out. The 'Schools NI' App (which is FREE), is our one main form of communication to keep you up-to-date on upcoming events, share class & school news and links closely with our school website and online calendar. **The school texting service will be for emergencies only.**

* If you have any questions or concerns about your child's education, please contact the teacher through the school office or school email and NOT through Social Media.

Further support or advice regarding any other school matter, can be discussed by making an appointment to speak to the Principal or Vice-Principal through our school secretary Valerie or by emailing info@hamiltonsbawnps.hamiltonsbawn.ni.sch.uk.

Thank you

D. HUTCHINSON
Principal

