



Welcome back to everyone after what we hope was a very enjoyable summer holiday, and a special welcome to the new families who have recently joined the school community. A fond farewell to the previous P7 class who have moved on to 'big school.'

School Meals - From Monday 2nd September our School kitchen will provide a fantastic menu for the children costing £2.60 per day. Toast if required can also be provided at a small cost which can be paid for on a weekly or daily basis. Please try to provide the correct amount of money necessary. Our new dinner menu can be viewed on our website, and we would encourage everyone to avail of our own freshly cooked meals provision. If you feel you could be entitled to free school meals, please contact the office for information on how to apply.

As you are aware, we operate a Healthy Eating Policy. Children should not bring fizzy drinks to school as want to encourage healthy breaks and lunches for the health and well-being of the children.

Breakfast Club will begin on 2nd September 2024.

Uniform - As the children return to school, we would ask you to make sure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled, including coats, also if possible PE slippers and wellies. This is essential to minimize missing items of clothing.

Milk Orders - If you wish your child to avail of School milk, please return the milk note with accompanying payment before Wednesday 4th September as orders will not be accepted after that date. School milk begins on Monday 9th September.

Swimming - We will be continuing our Swimming Lessons at the Greenvale Leisure Centre at the cost of £1.30 per lesson, beginning on Friday 13th September for P4/5 class.

Items required: Anyone who has long hair should wear a Swimming Hat, and everyone should bring Swimming Goggles as requested by the Swimming instructor. Also please remember to bring your towel! Additional information is contained on your school note.

Music - Violin will commence in September. Costs will be finalized upon confirmation of numbers. Piano will also recommence in September. Further information to follow.

Child Safeguarding - It is the responsibility of **the parent** to make sure that your child comes in safely to School. It is **not the responsibility of the teacher or classroom assistant** to bring children from the School gate or beyond the school premises.

Messages or information regarding your child **should be phoned through to the School office or written in a note** which can be forwarded to the class teacher.

Teachers are available by **appointment only** outside teaching hours. Should you need to speak to a Teacher, please contact the school office to arrange a time.

Maghera town centre roadworks - As you are aware roadworks are taking place around the town and will do so for some considerable time. As such, this will affect both drop off and pick up times. We therefore encourage you to leave plenty of time for collection and drop off, please also be aware of Road Safety as this will be a very busy time with additional traffic congestion around the school location. It is essential that you drop your child off and collect as quickly as possible to reduce obstructing and inconveniencing other parents.

St Lurach's have kindly given permission for parents to use their car park to use **at your own risk** to drop children off using the back school gate. Parents should park and bring their child to the gate in the back playground to be met by a staff member. For the **afternoon** collections, parents will collect their child at the **classroom School doors outside in the playground**. No child will leave the School premises unless collected by their notified adult. This will ensure the safety of the children and reduce risk to all concerned.

Staff Car Park - To also ensure School safety and the safety of the children, please be reminded that the School Car Park is **only to be used by School Staff and EA personnel**. Parents **should not** use the carpark for drop off and collection of children.

School Uniform - We would encourage you to adhere to the School Uniform policy, this is designed to ensure that the children are properly prepared and presented for School. Children in the P1 to P3 classes will also need to bring Wellies to School on Wednesday as they participate in Welly Wednesday. These Wellies should be left in school in a clearly named bag for the child to use each week.

PAL Club will recommence on Wednesday 4th September at the cost of £3 for 2-3pm as previously. We will then be assessing if there is interest in providing an extended service from 3-4pm, **further information will follow**.

Permission Pack - You will be provided with a permission pack in respect to school trips medication, and photography, with other documentation. Please return this to the School office as soon as possible.

As a small reminder, from 2nd September P3 children will have an extended School day to 2.50pm Monday and Tuesday, going home at 1.50pm Wednesday to Friday.

As Mrs Dawson is currently on Maternity Leave, we have been joined by Miss Cunningham until Mrs Dawson returns. We wish Miss Cunningham a warm welcome to our School Community.

Parents Group Meeting - As a School we greatly value the partnership between ourselves and our children's parents. As such the 'Parent Support Group' is a vital part of the school. Everyone is very welcome to join, especially those who are new to the School. The date and time of the next meeting will be confirmed shortly, and we look forward to seeing you there.

DIARY DATES

2 nd Sept	P3 children School Day changes Monday and Tuesday - 2.50pm, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday - 1.50pm
26 th Sept	Tempest School Photographer in School P1 – P7
21 st , 22 nd Oct	Parent Meetings
28 th , 29 th Oct	Staff Development Days – School closed
30 th , 31 st Oct	Half Term - School Closed
1 st Nov	Half Term - School Closed
16 th Nov	SAEG Paper 1
23 rd Nov	SAEG Paper 2

Remember – Check out our Website for photos!