



1st September 2022

WELCOME BACK

A huge welcome back is extended to all our pupils throughout the school, with a particular welcome to our new pupils commencing Primary One and other pupils who are joining the upper classes. We hope that everyone will have an enjoyable and rewarding year ahead!

REMINDER - SCHOOL ARRIVAL AND PICK UP TIMES

All school arrivals (from 8.50am) and school pickups should take place at the back entrance of the school via the Church carpark. Please note only children who are attending the morning club or who are arriving by bus should enter the school via the front entrance.

The school pick up times are as follows:

- P1-P3 (2pm)
- P4-P7 (3pm)

As always we ask that when arriving and exiting the carpark you drive slowly and consider that children are making their way out of the school. Should you need to collect a child during the school day please come to the main entrance of the school as usual and your child will be brought to you. *Thankyou in advance!*

MORNING CLUB PROVISION

The morning club operates daily from 8.15am at a cost of £2 per child per day. (*no booking is required*) Please note children attending the morning club should use the front entrance of the school and make their way to the school hall.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS -2022/2023

A list of the school holidays has been updated and is available on the school website under the PARENTS tab.

REMINDER - P1 STARTING DATES

To help progression into school life and routine we ask that during the month of September the P1 children be collected at the following times:

- **Start date - Friday 23rd September – 12 noon**
- **Monday 26th September - 2.00pm** (*Please note the children will need dinner money or a packed lunch from this date – details of this to follow*)

AFTER SCHOOLS (P1-P3 Bridging Club)

The daily afterschool bridging club (2pm-3pm) will commence on **Monday 5th September** at a cost of £2 per child per day. This provision is only available for children who have older siblings in P4-P7. If you are using this club, please send in an envelope with the days needed and payment included on a Monday to the class teacher.

Please note P1 children can use this club from **Monday 26th September**.

SCHOOL DINNERS

The cost of dinner money is **£2.60 per day** and **£13.00 per week**. Please send all monies to school in a clearly labelled envelope (name of child and class) every Monday to avoid unnecessary confusion.

The dinner menu for Term 1 can be found on the school website under the PARENTS tab.

HEALTHY EATING POLICY

We operate a healthy eating policy at break time. Please ensure your child/ children bring fruit or vegetables with either milk or water. Please note, this does not include yoghurts, breakfast bars or sandwiches. Though this policy does not operate at lunchtime, we would encourage healthy options for those children who bring packed lunches. We also ask that all pupils bring a clearly labelled plastic water bottle to school. Unfortunately, we are no longer in a position to distribute cups as we would have done in the past.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

We would ask that all the children's clothing is labelled clearly to avoid unnecessary confusion.

MOBILE NUMBERS

Anyone who has changed their mobile numbers over the summer holidays is asked to notify the school to ensure that our records are up to date and that the school text messages are going to the correct number.

ENTRANCE EXAM REGISTRATION

For any parents who wish their child to sit the Grammar School Entrance Exam, the closing date for registration is **Friday 23rd September**. Please note a passport photo of your child and a birth certificate are required for this registration. Registration packs can be obtained from the local Grammar schools or at www.stpatricksacademy.org.uk/

NON-UNIFORM DAY

The last Friday of each month will be a non-uniform day organised by the Parent Support Group. Children are asked to bring in £1.00 as a contribution to school funds. Reminders of this will be sent out later in the month.