



In Spires



September 2021

A Warm Welcome...

to everyone on their return to school and in particular to our new P1 pupils. We also have new pupils in P3 & P6 and we hope they all thoroughly enjoy their time at Spires Integrated Primary School. I thank you for your understanding and support in our mission to keep everyone in the school community safe and in particular using our one-way system. Hopefully if there is a reduction in the number of local cases, we will be able to restart After School Clubs and other activities in Term 2.

Dinners

Please book your child's dinner (even if they are entitled to FSM) online. Your child will not be able to receive a dinner if you haven't booked it. Please contact staff in the school office for assistance if you have difficulty accessing the system.

School Holidays 2021/22

This is available on our website, please note **school will be closed to all pupils on Monday 11 October.**

P1 School Day

P1 pupils will remain in school until 1.40pm from **Monday 4 October.** You will by now have received your Edu spot (School Money) password, if not, please contact the office.

Pupil Council/RRS/Eco/Digital Leaders

P4 pupils will be engaging in the application process for these soon.

Seesaw

Homework will be issued on Seesaw each Wednesday; it is important that **all pupils** complete this. Seesaw is not monitored daily, therefore please do not communicate with the teacher via Seesaw. All messages should be made by telephoning the school office or by emailing info@spiresips.mfelt.ni.sch.uk

Sacraments

Provisional dates are as follows:

First Holy Communion – Saturday 30 April at 1.00pm.

Confirmation – Saturday 21 May at 1.00pm.

Parking opposite St Pius X College

We welcome and encourage pupils to walk to/from school, however, we have been notified by residents of Morgan's Close of inappropriate behaviour by some of our pupils around the entrance to Morgan's Close. Pupils have also been observed climbing on trees. As well as a major safety concern, our Rights Respecting ethos should extend beyond school and consideration should be given to other peoples' property and their access to their homes. It is also a poor reflection on our school if some pupils are behaving inappropriately.

Parent Meetings

These will take place throughout October by telephone this year again, in order to protect staff and parents. Teachers will issue times/dates soon. A few pupil books will be sent home on Wednesday 6 October for you to look at and sign and return to school no later than Friday 8 October.

Building Work

Building work for our hygiene room will commence shortly. Further details will be on the website.

Parents' Community

Our Parents' group will hold their first meeting on Thursday 14 October at 6.30pm in the school hall, please come along, it is a great way to meet others and to become involved in your child's school life.

Halloween

The Parents' group cannot hold their annual disco due to each class remaining in their bubbles, however they have organised Magic shows on Friday 22 October. On this day we encourage all pupils to dress up, or to attend in their own clothes if they do not wish to dress up. School finishes at the normal finishing times on this date. **School will then be closed for Mid-term from 25 - 29 October.**

Dates for your Diary

- P6 visiting forest as part of our 'Forest School' programme (dates to be confirmed).
- 6 Oct – pupil books go home to be read & signed and returned by 8 Oct.
- 8 Oct – Fresh Little Minds resilience programme commences for P5 & P6.
- 11 Oct – School closed for staff training.
- 12 – 21 Oct Parent Meetings.
- 14 Oct at 6.30pm Parents' Community AGM/Meeting.
- 22 Oct – Magician show in school and dressing up day.
- 25 – 29 Oct Mid Term
- 3 -10 Nov Book Fair
- 10 Nov Flu Vaccination Programme
- 13 Nov Transfer Test
- 15 Nov School Photographer
- 15 – 19 Nov Anti-Bullying Week
- 22 Dec school finishes early for Christmas, non-uniform day.



