



Tuesday 18th January 2022

⇒ **IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** I would ask that all parents visit our website to:

1. Download our school calendar, which will link in with the calendar on your mobile devices.
2. Download the 'Schools NI' App, for updates / reminders.
3. Download the ParentPay App. for ordering and paying for a school meal.

REMINDERS:

- ⇒ **SHINING LIGHTS:** P1/2/3 have already commenced their football sessions run by Stephen. Please ensure all P1/2/3 pupils wear their trainers to school each Monday.
- ⇒ **P1 ADMISSIONS:** Online primary application procedure opened on Monday 10th January 2022 and closes at 12 noon on **Friday 28th January 2022**. Should you choose Tildarg as your 1st preference school, please return your child's Birth Certificate and any supporting documentation to the school no later than 12.00 noon on Friday 4th February. Information is available on the EA website under the Admissions section (<https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions>); via the admissions helpdesk on 028 9598 5595; or via our school website. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.
- ⇒ **ACCESS NI:** Reminder that all volunteers who will be with children in an unsupervised role, e.g. drivers for hockey and football, must apply for Access NI Clearance. Information available on our website.
- ⇒ **Prize Day 2020-2021**—if your child was a joint winner of a cup or shield presented in June 2021, would you please send it in for the other winner/s — thank you.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- P1 digital admissions for September 2022 closes at midnight on **Friday 28th January, 2022**.
- AQE Results out on Saturday 5th February.—Best of luck to all our P7 pupils. Be proud of your mark as I know you all did your very best.
- Wednesday 12th January— P7 Post Primary online Admissions Criteria published by EA. Online applications for Post Primary open on 1st February 2022 and close on 23rd February 2022.
- School closes on Friday 11th February at 12:45pm (after lunch) for half term break.
- A Staff Development Day will be held on Monday 11th April, following which school will be closed for the Easter Holidays from 12th to 22nd April, as per the Revised Holiday List.

TRANSFER INTERVIEWS:

As the transfer results are available from Saturday 5th February, the following week should be used by parents to complete the online application form for admission to Post Primary Schools. I will be making myself available on Monday and Tuesday 6th and 7th February if you need to phone or call in for additional advice on completing the Admission Form. Any such arrangement will need to be booked of course.

P1-P7 PARENT CONSULTATION WEEK:

We will have a second set of consultations during Monday to Wednesday 14th-16th March 2022. Details will follow shortly, but do keep the afternoons free, pupils will finish on those days at 12.45pm after their lunch and of course we are off 17th and 18th March.

TILDARG PRIMARY SCHOOL

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**ATTENDANCE: EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS!**

Every single day a child is absent from school equates to a day of lost learning.

Key Point - Give your child the best start in life - every school day counts.

- ◆ To keep you informed and to help ensure good attendance we will send out a note at certain times of the year to all pupils who have attendance below 90%. We understand that some absences cannot be avoided and reasons for absences will be used to justify/clarify drops in percentages, but notes will still be sent home merely for your information.
- ◆ In Tildarg we request that an 'Absence Note' (copies available from school) is completed, including reason for absence, and returned to the child's class teacher following any absence, whether he/she is absent for a morning/afternoon/or all day. Attendance must be recorded on SIMS (a computer database) using a code in both AM and PM, for each type of absence. If no reason is given, this will be recorded as a D (Did not provide a reason). This data is transferred with your child when they move school, which is why it is important to provide reasons for absences.

LATE ARRIVAL:

To help your child get organised and prepared for the day ahead it is important that they are in school for 9am. We are aware that at times this may not be possible due to unforeseen circumstances. As part of our online attendance register we will be recording a 9.05-9.15am arrival as 'L' (Late), and after this time will be recorded as 'U' (Missed Registration). When a 'U' mark is given this will result in a drop in your child's attendance percentage, as this will be seen as an absence for half a day (AM period). We appreciate that at times adverse weather can make it difficult to get to school, so this will be taken into account and recorded in a different way. Should your child be arriving late due to attending a medical appointment, or for any other exceptional circumstance, please send in a note and this will be recorded accordingly.

CONTACTING SCHOOL:

To reduce interruption to teaching, please try to contact school within the following times:

8.30-8.50am and 3.00-4.00pm, except in an emergency.

Also can we please ask that parents do not call into classrooms unannounced. Do please make an appointment, or call into the office to pass a message on, or to drop off forgotten items.

Stephen Harrison
(Acting Principal)

- **P1 Admissions Close**
28/01/22 (Fri.) @
12 noon
- **AQE Results**
05/02/22 (Sat)
- **School Closes after lunch at 12.45**
on 11/02/22 (Fri)
- **Staff Dev. Day**
14/02/22 (Mon.)
- **Half Term Break**
15/02/22 (Tues) to
18/02/22 (Fri.)
- **Term 2.2 begins**
21/02/22 (Mon)

REMINDERS

- Follow us on Twitter for updates:
[@TildargPrimary](#)
- Updates and further information available on our school website
www.tildargps.co.uk
and via **Schools NI** App



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