

# Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2024

On behalf of the Governors and Staff of Tildarg Primary School, may I formally welcome back all our pupils to our new school year. In particular, may I welcome our new pupils and their families into our school. It's wonderful to see the pupils looking so well, so refreshed and looking very smart in our school Uniform. We would request that **all items** of clothing and equipment brought to school are clearly labelled, and that only essential items are brought (no toys please!).

No jewellery can be worn for PE and long hair should be tied back.

This is our first official Newsletter of the new school term, do please read it carefully and keep it to hand over the coming weeks as a useful reminder of important dates and details.

## SCHOOL TIMES: (Commencing Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2024)

- Breakfast Club P1-P7 8.15-8.45am  
(From Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024)
- Drop off P1-P7 8.45-9am
- Collection P1-P2 Monday to Friday - 2.00pm  
P3 Mon & Fri 2.00pm; Tues, Wed. & Thurs 3.00pm  
P4-P7 Monday to Thursday - 3.00pm; Fri 2.00pm

**Children not attending Breakfast Club MUST NOT be on the school premises before 8.45am** as there will be no playground supervision before this time!

To save embarrassment and interruption to lessons, please make sure your children are punctual.

**Please note:** Tildarg Lane must be kept free of traffic at all times.

## FROM MONDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024

Breakfast Club, School Dinners and Taxi details as follows:

Breakfast Club - £2 per day

Dinners - £2.60 per day

Taxi - When going home pupils will be collected at the front of the school.

Most monies required to be paid to school **must be paid** through the **ParentPay App**.

e.g. Breakfast Club, Dinner Money, Swimming, etc.

## IMPORTANT FORMS:

A number of 'Important Forms' will be sent out this week to be completed (in black ink) and returned to your child's class teacher.

## FREE SCHOOL MEALS/TRANSPORT:

If you think you may be entitled to these, please contact the Education Authority North Eastern Region, as soon as possible.

Even if your child DOES NOT always eat school dinners, the **school budget benefits immensely** from each successful application awarded by the Board.

## LEAVING SCHOOL EARLY SLIP/ ABSENCE SLIP:

When a child is not at school for any reason, each teacher must fill in a code on our computer system to explain the reason for the absence. This information is entered daily, so for each absence, please fill in the relevant slip (available on school website or in the school foyer) and send it into the class teacher.

## AFTER THE BELL CLUB:

After The Bell Club commences on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September** (money £2 per day paid in a labelled envelope stating days attending) to class teacher or to Mrs Heaney.

## PTA AGM:

Our PTA AGM will be held on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm**. All welcome!



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**SWIMMING:**

Swimming for P6-P7 children recommences on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September**. Money will be payable via ParentPay.

**SEAG REGISTRATION:** Closing date **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024**.

**TILDARG TOTS:**

Info on this year's dates for our Tildarg Tots, can be found on our school website. First meeting is on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September** for some 'Harvest-time fun'!

**SPANISH:**

We are pleased to be able to offer Spanish lessons for P1-P7 with a tutor, these will be on Thursday mornings from **26<sup>th</sup> September**.

**PIANO LESSONS:**

Piano lessons will resume in school this Term. If you have not already confirmed your child's interest, please do so as soon as possible.

**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**. Outside these times, please leave your name, number, time and date with your short message, and your query will be dealt with as soon as possible.

**HEALTHY EATING:**

At Tildarg, we hope to encourage Healthy Eating, by asking pupils to bring some fruit, vegetables, non-sugary bread snacks or cheese for breaktime. We would appreciate your support with this. We also encourage pupils to bring a sports cap and water bottle for use in class. This must contain **WATER ONLY** and should be in a plastic bottle with a sports lid (to avoid spillages). Juice can be brought to drink at **break or lunchtime only**.

**TILDARG HALL OF FAME:**

Throughout the year we would love to celebrate the pupil's achievements outside of school. We encourage them to bring in any certificates, awards, photos or items to show to us. These will then be added to our 'Tildarg Hall of Fame' wall display.

**END OF SCHOOL DAY:**

I would ask that when children leave school they remain with an adult at all times for their safety.

Thank you for all your support and co-operation. As always, we have a busy year ahead. We are especially looking forward to creating our new 'Sensory Garden' with the help of all our pupils!

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Mrs L. Moody  
Principal.

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

- SEAG Registration Closes **20/09/24 (Fri)**
- Travelling Book Fair **23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> Sept**
- Macmillan Coffee Morning **27/09/24 (Fri)**

**REMINDERS**

- Data Collection and Permission forms to be returned to school as soon as possible
- Check out our school website **www.tildargps.co.uk**
- Follow us using the **Schools NI App**
- Follow our PTA on Facebook : **Tildarg Primary School PTA**

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