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Dear Parent/Guardian,

27th August 2024

Another summer has flown by and we find ourselves preparing for the next school year. No doubt your children are excited to get back to school and everyone is looking forward to the routine that term time brings. Over the last week, school staff have been working hard to make sure that their classrooms are ready for the children's arrival on Wednesday 28th August. Our first few days are a way to ease the children back in and school will be from 8:50am – 12:00pm on Wednesday and Thursday, with Friday being 8:50am – 2:00pm. The school bus will run as normal but there will be no Breakfast Club this week.

Last year we began our journey into creating a new Ethos, Vision and Values for the school. We are very close to the end of this process and everyone in the school community will be involved in the final few steps of this. Once this has been completed, it will allow us to set specific targets for the school over the next few years. I would encourage all parents and members of the wider school community to engage with any questionnaires or surveys that are sent out about this. It is your opportunity to get involved with the school and help us decide what our priorities need to be.

Each teacher has written their own 'Welcome Back' letter and these will be sent out via the SchoolsNI App to all parents on the first day. The website and SchoolsNI App are absolutely vital for parents to keep up to date with what is happening in school. Each family's primary contact should be linked with the app and this will be your primary source of information, as well as providing a form to contact your child's class teacher. If you are not connected to the app, please speak with myself or your child's class teacher so that we can assist you with getting this set up. It is possible for a second contact to be added for access to the app, and again, if you need this please let us know.

As always, your child's class teacher will be your primary contact in school. If you have any concerns you should contact them via the form on the SchoolsNI App. They will make contact with you in order to discuss any issues and help resolve them. Teachers are busy with their class during the school day, so please do not expect immediate responses. If you need to pass a short message to your child or their class teacher (e.g. go to Granny's after school), phone the school office and this can be quickly and easily passed on. If you are unable to resolve any issues with your child's class teacher, please arrange an appointment with me to discuss the issues. I am a teaching Principal and on Thursday and Friday, teaching my class is my top priority, so will be unable to meet with parents. The best way to schedule a meeting with me is to contact the school office so that Mrs Arthur can check my diary and see when I am available.

I am looking forward to this school year and hope that we are able to build our school community by working together to improve outcomes for all our children.

Stephen Torney
(Principal)
Fountain Primary School



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