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### Newsletter

Week ending 30<sup>th</sup> August

Our first full week in school has gone well and all classes continue to be settled and have started their learning for the year at pace. Class teachers have started to share information on class blog pages and this is the best place to check for any updates for each class. We will also aim to post pictures of class activities that children are engaged in and learning about on a regular basis.

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### Dates for Diary

- 4<sup>th</sup> September Rag Bag Collection.
- 19<sup>th</sup> September Parent Council AGM
- 6<sup>th</sup> November Pupil Flu Vaccinations
- 7<sup>th</sup> October P7 Operation Safety
- 9<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> September Fairtrade Fortnight - Details of activities to be confirmed with Eco Group.
- 10<sup>th</sup> October Sponsored Walks - TBC
- 10<sup>th</sup> October School Photos
- 11<sup>th</sup> October School Photos



### Start and End of the Day.

School starts at 9a.m and ends at 3p.m for all classes. Gates will be open from 8:45a.m and 2:55p.m Pupils should be dropped off at the school gates and enter the playground independently. Pupils in P1-P3 should be collected at the end of the school day from the playground. When picking up pupils please can we ask that you do not knock on windows to get pupils attention. The end of the day can be busy and the children need to focus on what they are being asked to do, collect and organise. Thank you.

On wet weather days, children should still be coming into school through the gates into the primary playground. Children should not be dropped off in the carpark at the front door to come in through reception. On wet days we do allow the children entry into school before 9a.m through their normal doors.

### Blue Book Bags

Please can pupils in P1-P3 bring their blue book bags to school on a daily basis. These contain reading books and key words. P1 will be issued with their blue book bags towards the end of this term.

Annual Data Checks, Emergency Closure Arrangements, Blanket Permission Slip and Digital Photo Consent (P1 only)

Thank you for the quick return of these. Our office team are working their way through all our updates to ensure we have accurate and up to date details for all our pupils. If you have not yet returned these can we ask that you do so as soon as possible please.



### **Lunches**

Link below provides information about applying for free school meals and clothing grants should this be required.

<http://www.dumgal.gov.uk/schoolmenus>

### **Label Clothes**

I certainly don't want to tempt anything but at the moment our lost property trolley is looking pretty good and not filling up too quickly. Thank you to those of you that have taken time to label pupil clothes as we have found owners for some lost sweatshirts as names have been on them. Please continue to remind your child(ren) about being responsible for their own property and hopefully our trolley will remain empty for the whole year.



### **PE Kits and Uniform**

In general, most children have had their kits for PE this week. Can I please remind classes P3-P7 that a full change of clothes is required after a PE lesson not just a change of t-shirt. PE lessons are active and children will be sweating and we don't want them sitting in sweaty uncomfortable clothes for a full day.

Football tops are not to be worn as part of a PE kits this is part of the authority dress code. We would also prefer that shorts, leggings, joggers did not feature football club logos either.

Also, a reminder about school uniforms, sport shorts and leggings are not part of our school dress code. Sports hoodies and club hoodies are also not part of our uniform and children will be asked to remove these in class.

Jewellery is another thing that we are increasingly aware that children are wearing to school. Chains and dangling earrings can be a health and safety risk particularly when playing tig at break times. All jewellery is worn at own pupil risk and we ask that you consider if this is really necessary for school. We are not responsible for lost, broken or damaged items. Children will be asked to remove all jewellery for PE.

### **Waterproof Jackets**

Please make sure your child has a waterproof jacket with them on a daily basis. We are outside in all weathers and the number of pupils without coats this week on the damp days has been a concern. The day may start with a beautiful morning when pupils leave home but by lunchtime we can be experiencing a different type of weather. Classes are also going to be out for outdoor learning and jackets are important particularly as we move towards lower temperatures.



### **Medication**

As previously mentioned, if your child requires medication to be administered during the school day, please collect a new medication form from the school office for this. We will require medical forms to be updated on a termly basis and will issue forms as required. If your child requires medication that is nonprescription,

it must be administered by the minor ailments at the pharmacy and the child's name must be clearly labelled on the medication. We are unable to administer medication without it being labelled for a specific child.

### **Conduct on School Grounds Reminder**

Can I remind everyone about conduct when in school grounds/on council property. Any personal disputes or issues should not be brought into the playground or school grounds. Please see below council statement with regards conduct.



Thank you for all your support to pupils as they have settled back into school over these first couple of weeks. As mentioned at the start of the letter please check the school blog for information and updates.

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Kind Regards  
Mrs E. Duncan