



St David's Primary August Newsletter



Dear Parents

A very warm welcome back to school to all our pupils and especially to our Primary 1 children who have settled so well into school.. The children are looking very sun-tanned and healthy after our warm summer weather and I am delighted to see all pupils looking very smart in their new school uniforms. Please take a few moments to read this newsletter and take note of important dates and information.

NUT ALLERGIES- We have a few children who are allergic to nuts. Please do not give your child nuts or food containing nuts for snack or packed lunch.

School Meals

Parents are reminded that the cost of school meals is £1.80. If you think your child is entitled to free meals, please apply now. Forms are available from the school office. Some children are coming to school unsure if they are entitled to a free meal. Please check if you have re-applied. If your child's name is not on the computer list for free meals, they will have to pay for their lunch.

Absences

All parents must notify the school of a child's absence before 9.30 on the first day of absence. If we do not hear from you before 9.30am, then we will contact you. All absences are reported daily to Education Headquarters before 10am. Children returning to school after an absence must bring a written note for our files.

Annual Data Information

All pupils have been issued an annual Data Information Form which should be completed and returned to school as soon as possible. For Health & safety reasons it is imperative that we have current telephone numbers available at all times. Please ensure you inform the school office if you change your address or telephone number.

PE Kit- Pupils receive PE twice a week and require PE kit on these occasions and also for lunchtime clubs and sports festivals. Please ensure your child brings PE kit to school in a gym bag on a Monday to be left on their cloakroom peg for use as and when required.

School blazers, jackets, cardigans, jumpers, soft shoes should all be clearly marked with your child's name. If your child comes home with the wrong blazer or jacket please return it to school the next day.

Parents' Evening-Thursday 9th October. Appointment times will be issued shortly.

Homework-Please ensure your child completes all homework assigned by the class teacher.

Work & Behaviour-Parents will receive notification for pupil effort and behaviour on a weekly basis through the Homework Diary. Please discuss diary contents with your child and sign as having read. Pupils have also been given a Homework Information Booklet. Please use this with your child at home and keep in a safe place for future use. Pupils giving cause for concern in terms of work and behaviour will be issued with a letter outlining our concerns. Unfinished work will be sent home for completion.

Kilbowie Trip 2nd Feb- The cost of the trip is £120 but we will reduce the cost of this by £40 through fundraising. Pupils who receive a free school meal should pay £41. Others should pay £80. I will be issuing a payment card so that the children can pay some money each week towards the Kilbowie trip in order to avoid another bill after Christmas.

Bicycles & Scooters in School. - In the interest of Health and Safety, cycles and scooters should be parked in the bicycle racks provided on arrival at school.

Motherwell Theatre Christmas Panto -Tuesday 25th November. Cost of ticket and bus will be £10. Pupils have been issued an envelope for Panto money, since tickets must be paid in advance. Please place ticket money in envelope and return to school.

School Breakfast Club

The Breakfast Club is open for all pupils every morning between 8.15 and 8.55am. breakfast consisting of toast, cereal and orange or apple juice may be purchased for 80p per pupil and £1.40 for two pupils. Children attending may play games after breakfast and their names are placed in a weekly draw. Children may buy toast, juice and fruit from the morning snack bar at 10.30am.

School Holiday to Paris P.5-7- Cost £480 1st-6th June 2015- A separate letter will be issued to the pupils with more details. A deposit of £70 should be paid by Friday 12th Sept and a second deposit of £100 by Tuesday 21st October. All deposits will be paid to the holiday company on deadline days and are non-returnable.

Pupils should pay their deposits and continue to pay through their holiday savings card throughout the year.

Non Uniform Day Thursday 25th September. Pupils may wear clothes of their own choice on this day. Pupils are asked to contribute £1 to school funds.

Disabled Parking Spaces-Please refrain from parking in the parking spaces reserved for disabled drivers and drivers transporting pupils with mobility issues. We have a few children who have wheelchairs and their parents must use these spaces when picking up and dropping off the children.

Referendum Thursday 18th September-The school will be used for Polling and will be closed to pupils on this day.

September Weekend

School will be closed on Friday 26th and Monday 29th September.

October Holiday-Monday 13th -Friday 17th October. Pupils return Monday 20th October.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. Should you wish to discuss any item contained in the newsletter, please do not hesitate to telephone me at the school. 01236 757629

Yours Sincerely
Isabel Agnew