# Barrhill PS and EYC Newsletter



## September 2020

## Return to school

The first half of term 1 has flown in and the new routines are second nature to us all. Thank you for your support and reinforcement of this. Staff have spent this time celebrating and building on 'lockdown' learning whilst focusing on literacy, numeracy and health and wellbeing.

You will be aware that a lot of learning is happening outdoors. As we move into Autumn, I ask that you please send your child to school dressed appropriately for the inclement weather. All Primary children should wear outdoor sports gear on a Wednesday and P1-3s on a Monday also.

## Health and Wellbeing

Due to the amount of energy the children use through the increase in physical and outdoor activities, I will be providing an additional healthy snack. Your child may choose one piece of fruit or a cereal bar after 'Wake Up, Shake Up' or at breaktime - if they wish. If you would rather your child didn't have an extra snack, please let us know.

## **Parent Council**

The AGM will be held online on the 16<sup>th</sup> September. New members are always welcome-please let me know if you wish to attend and I will send you a link.



## **Upcoming Events**

#### **SEPTEMBER**

16<sup>th</sup> – Parent Council AGM 6pm

18th - Holiday

21st – Holiday

22<sup>nd</sup> – Teacher/Parent phone calls from 3.15pm

25th - HT Hot Chocolate

30th – Flu immunisations

#### **OCTOBER**

8th - Pupil Groups

9<sup>th</sup> – Schools close at 3pm for October holiday

19th – In Service (staff only)

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21st - Pupils return

29th - HT Hot Chocolate

30th – Committee Day

### Childsmile

We are currently not toothbrushing in the EYC and school, as per guidelines. Thank you to Childsmile for providing every child with a toothbrush and toothpaste for home.

## School

## Improvement

There are so many exciting things happening in our EYC and school this year. Each of the classes will send out monthly blogs alongside the newsletter to update you. Teachers will also be making short phone calls home next week to let you know how your child is doing.

Staff are continuing their Leadership of Learning work from last year, with further study planned across many curricular areas. The senior class pupils have also nominated themselves to be subject ambassadors and will work with staff to lead and develop this year's curriculum.

Staff and pupils are working hard to achieve accreditation in a number of areas this year: Silver Rights Respecting Schools; Digital Schools Award; Gold School Sport Award. We will keep you updated with our progress.

## **Active Schools**

We are delighted to have Connor and Aidan working with us for a full day every Thursday. They are helping to develop pupil leadership skills; support with outdoor learning and lead active play sessions in the EYC. As time goes on and national guidance changes, they will also deliver after-school clubs and a parent programme.

Mrs Murphy

