



## STRAIDHAVERN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### INFORMATION FOR PARENTS (OCTOBER 2022)

Thank you everyone for all your support so far this academic year. It's great to see our new families settling into life here at Straidhavern so well, and it's great to see all our Primary 1 children making such a positive start to their primary education. With the Halloween break just around the corner, I wanted to share some important information with you all.



#### HALLOWEEN BREAK

School will be closed our Half-Term from Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November. We will be back to normal for the second half of this term from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November.

#### PARENT/ TEACHER INTERVIEWS

We will be holding our parent/ teacher interviews from the week beginning 24<sup>th</sup> October. School will close at 12.30pm each day this week to facilitate these interviews. A letter is going home with the children today. Please indicate your day and time preferences and we will do our very best to accommodate you.



The school bus will be in operation this week, as will school dinners. Any children who wish to stay at school for wraparound care are also more than welcome to do so.



#### EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

Our Playball club on a Monday afternoon has begun and the children are thoroughly enjoying participating in lots of different sports each week. It's great to see so many children attending these clubs. We plan to continue this club after the Halloween break.

## **ATTENDANCE**

School begins each morning at 9am sharp. We would ask that children arrive into school from 8.45am each morning to ensure they are ready to begin their day when the bell rings. Upon arrival in school, children should make their way to the Dinner Hall, where they will be supervised by Mrs Marks and Mr Cormican until school starts.

As we approach the winter season, we would request that any children who are too unwell to attend school are kept at home until they feel better. In line with Public Health Agency guidance we would ask that any child who has experienced vomiting or diarrhoea remains at home for 48 hours after their last episode before returning to school.

If your child is unwell, or unable to attend school for whatever reason, please let your child's class teacher know as soon as possible via Class Dojo.

## **SHOEBOX APPEAL**

This year we are taking part in 'Operation Christmas Child' and we are asking parents to donate a shoebox filled with small gifts. These shoeboxes will make their way across the world to children who are less advantaged. Each standard shoebox can be filled with the following:

1. Special Item: Select a quality toy such as a doll, football with pump, or cuddly toy
2. Other gifts: Pack some other fun toys, hygiene items and school supplies (no toothpaste, sweets, lotions or liquids please)
3. Personalised note/ photo of you and your family
4. A £5 donation to cover shipping costs (send this separately into school in an envelope)



More details can be found [here](#). We are asking that shoeboxes are sent to school between the 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> November. Thanks in advance of your support with this.

## **WRAPAROUND CARE**

When collecting your child from Wraparound Care, please make your way to the side door (just past the staff room). It can be hard for our staff to hear the doorbell from the Wraparound room.



## **CHRISTMAS PANTO**

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December, the entire school will be heading to the Courtyard Theatre in Newtownabbey to see 'Sleeping Beauty'. Tickets will be at a subsidised rate of £10 per child (including transport). Permission Slips will be sent home with children in due course.

## **PTA**

Our PTA is back up and running again this term as normal. They will be hosting monthly coffee mornings and have lots of events planned for this school year. Keep your eye's peeled on Dojo for updates.

The first event being planned is an adult only 'Takeaway Night'. This will be a great opportunity to meet with other parents and enjoy an Indian Takeaway together. It will be held in school. Please complete the form at the following link to register your interest and to indicate your preference of date.



<https://forms.gle/hDPzv6U93F8mJ1Cx6>

Thank you.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

<b>24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Parent Teacher Interviews (school closes at 12.30pm)
<b>31<sup>st</sup> Oct-4<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Half Term Break
<b>18<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Non-Uniform Day (£1 per pupil) for Children in Need
<b>8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	School Panto Trip
<b>20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Last Day of Term 1 (school closes at 12 noon)

As always if you have any issues or concerns please feel free to contact your child's class teacher, or myself directly.

**Mr A Scott-Mulholland**

**Principal**