



STRAIDHAVERN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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INFORMATION FOR PARENTS (SEPTEMBER 2022)

Term 1 is now in full swing and it is brilliant to have all the children back after a great summer break! Our P1 children are making a fabulous start to their primary education and, with a record number of P1 admissions this year, it's lovely to see our Straidhavern family growing! I'd also like to take this opportunity to welcome our other new families to the school- we hope you find our school to be a happy place where your child(ren) will thrive!

SPANISH



We are excited to announce that beginning from Tuesday 6th September, Christina from 'Bonjour Amigos' will be visiting each of our classes and giving our children lessons in Spanish! The cost of these lessons will be covered by the school and they will take place every Tuesday. We believe that instilling a love for language at an early stage has many benefits for children and we hope they find these sessions to be fun and useful! Keep your eyes peeled on our school website for some pictures of our first sessions next week.

PTA

Last year our school PTA organised some very successful events throughout the school year. If you would like to get involved please let our Chairperson, Mrs Samantha Mackie know via email on: samanthamackie@hotmail.co.uk

The first meeting of the PTA will take place on **Tuesday 13th September at 2pm**. Everyone is welcome. If you're unable to make it, please let Mrs Mackie know.

WRAPAROUND CARE: TAX FREE CHILDCARE PAYMENTS

We are now registered to accept tax-free childcare payments for our Wraparound Care. Eligible parents will be invoiced at the end of each month and then payment should be made to the school via their tax-free childcare (TFC) account. To check your eligibility and to make payments please visit <https://www.gov.uk/get-tax-free-childcare>

Please note: all parents should still complete the wraparound care registration link (posted every Monday by Miss Baker) each week in advance.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

Playball will be running our extra-curricular sports club on Mondays beginning from the 12th September. Please see the information letter to confirm your child's space.

Our teacher-led extra-curricular clubs will begin from November. More details will follow closer to the time.



HOMEWORK

We plan to begin homework from the week beginning 19th September. We are in the process of implementing a new spelling scheme across the school and revising our Homework Policy. Next week, I will be sending a link on Class Dojo for you to have your say in the revision of this policy. Please keep your eyes peeled on Class Dojo for this as it would be great to gather as many views as possible.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- **13th September:** Roald Dahl Day (school uniform as normal)
- **26th September:** European Day of Languages (non-uniform: wear the colours of a European flag)
- **24th-28th October:** Parent Teacher Interviews (school will finish at 1pm for all pupils this week)
- **31st -4th November:** School Closed for Half-Term Break

ABSENCES

If your child is off sick due to illness or for any other reason, please send a message to your child's class teacher.

HEALTHY BREAKS



We are continuing to encourage healthy snacks for break and lunch time. No fizzy drinks will be permitted in school, but I would encourage each child to have a labelled bottle of still water to sip throughout the day. We greatly appreciate your support in helping to keep your child/children healthy and in developing healthy eating habits at an early age.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

At Straidhavern, we pride ourselves on the smart appearance of our pupils. Wearing a uniform helps to create a structured and respectful environment and it helps to set a very high standard for visitors and when we are on trips. The uniform list is available on our website. Black shoes should be worn. Trainers may be changed into for playtimes only.

Thank you for your support in the above. We look forward to a fantastic school year. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any concerns or questions at any time.

Mr A Scott-Mulholland (Principal)