



STRAIDHAVERN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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October Newsletter

Dear Parents/Guardians,

What a busy start to the new academic year! Thank you for continuing to check Class Dojo at this exceptionally busy time – we do appreciate that there have been a particularly high volume of notifications during September, and we hope that you are just as excited about the upcoming events in Straidhavern Primary School as we are.

We will continue to use Class Dojo to regularly update you on all that is taking place in our school, so please do continue to check the app regularly. As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch with any queries.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Meekin

Breakfast Club/Wraparound Care:

Our breakfast club (7.45-8.45am) and afternoon wraparound care (2-5pm), **priced at £3 per hour**, have had an overhaul which our children are thoroughly enjoying!

We hope that you will agree that this remains an extremely cost-effective childcare solution, made all the more worthwhile when we see the smiles of our children. Please note that our school's wraparound service are registered with the HMRC as a childcare provider, making this cost even more affordable.

Booking links will continue to be sent out using Class Dojo, and are also accessible via the [school website](http://www.straidhavernps.co.uk).

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WRAP AROUND

available to all pupils

Breakfast Club

7:45 - 8:45 AM
CEREAL, TOAST, MILK & FRUIT

Homework Club

2:00 - 3:30 PM
SUPPORT, LEARNING & REVISION

Activity Club

3:30 - 5:00 PM
MONDAY - STEM
TUESDAY - ARTS & CRAFT
WEDNESDAY - FOREST SCHOOL / OUTDOOR PLAY
THURSDAY - BAKING
FRIDAY - FOOTBALL FUN FACTORY
+ DAILY AFTERNOON SNACK

BOOK NOW

Wellness Workshops:

Our Sew Ready Wellness Workshops have been a huge success this year to date, to the point of having reached full capacity! Thankfully, we have more workshops upcoming. Use the [link here to book your slot for an autumnal floral art workshop](#), or click here to snap up a space at a [winter-themed wet felting class](#) with talented Northern Ireland textile artist, Andrea Hayes.



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Floral Pumpkin Workshop

Create your own floral arrangement inside a pumpkin with the talented Fiona from Frugal Flair.

DATE
Wednesday 16th
October 2024

TIME
6-8pm

PLACE
Straidhavern
Primary School

Scan below for further details and to book your space!



Straidhavern Primary School

invite you to join us for a festive felting workshop

facilitated by textile artist

Andrea Hayes



Saturday 9th November 2024

10am-1pm



Scan the QR code for further information and to book your space.



Football Fun Factory!

We will be joined each Friday afternoon in October from 3-4pm by Football Fun Factory, an external provider who we are excited to have join us. For those who have not yet booked, [please use the link here to book your spot by 5pm on Wednesday 2nd October 2024](#).

For those who have booked, children are welcome to wear their PE kits on Fridays to ensure a prompt start to each session. A waterproof coat is advisable, although sessions will be held indoors if necessary (therefore trainers, rather than football boots, should be worn please).

As with all sessions, please ensure that children are collected promptly at the end of this session at 4pm.





School Photographs

Thank you to everyone who has returned or sent payment for their child's photographs to date. We do hope that you love them as much as we do! Just a gentle reminder to please send

the £10 payment directly to School Pix using the QR code located on the back of the photograph if you would like to purchase the photo sent home. This then activates a 20% discount on purchases of further images from those taken on the day (through the QR code on the back right of the photo). Should you choose not to purchase, unwanted photos should be returned to school.

Parent Governors

You are invited to participate in the election of parent governor(s) to the Board of Governors of Straidhavern Primary School. A ballot will be held, if required, to elect the parent governor(s) on 11th October 2024.

For further information, 'Becoming a School Governor' which can also be accessed via the EA website at:

www.eani.org.uk/school-governance/apply-to-become-a-school-governor

By now your child will have brought home an envelope containing further information, nomination forms and a personal statement template. Should you wish to self-nominate or to nominate a person(s) to stand for election as parent governor(s), please use the Candidate Nomination Form provided in (Appendix B). Please return the completed nomination form to me as clerk (by return, post or email) not later than Friday 4th October 2024.

Please ensure you have the agreement of the candidate that they wish to stand for election (along with their Personal Statement - Appendix B1) and a seconder for the nomination.

If further forms are required, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Flu Vaccinations

Please note that this year the school nurse will be visiting Straidhavern Primary School to administer flu vaccinations on Tuesday 8th October 2024.

Parent/Teacher Meetings:

Our October Parent/Teacher meetings will be held between Monday 21st-Thursday 24th October 2024. School will finish at 2pm for all pupils on these dates (wraparound available as usual from 2-5pm for those who require this facility).



[Please use the form here to book your parent/teacher meeting slot for these October parent teacher meetings.](#)

PTA Events

We are incredibly fortunate to have such a vibrant PTA in our school. In addition to weekly 'Smalls and Talls' sessions (returning Wednesday 2nd October 2024), events are currently being planned for October and December!

Ticket sales have already begun for our upcoming **Pumpkin Patch** event on **Saturday 26th October 2024 from 10am-12pm (see below)**.

We also invite you to **save the date** for our **Christmas event**, which will take place this year on **Thursday 12th December 2024!**



Straidhavern Primary School PTA invite you to our...



PUMPKIN PATCH

🕒 Saturday 26th October 2024
10am-12pm

📍 Straidhavern
Primary School

📱 Scan the QR Code to
book your ticket!



£5 PER TICKET



School Closes for the half-term break from Monday 28th October-Friday 1st November inclusive.