



STRAIDHAVERN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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INFORMATION FOR PARENTS: APRIL 2021

It's now been 6 weeks since we've welcomed all the children back into the school building and it's been fantastic to have had a spell of nice weather lately. Term 3 is well underway now and I'd like to share some news and highlight some important dates for your diaries.

SCHOOL CLOSURE

A reminder that school will be closed for all pupils from Monday 3rd May to Friday 7th May (inclusive) for our May holidays.

Please be aware that if you are travelling outside Northern Ireland during our May holidays there may be a requirement for your child to isolate for ten days on their return to the country. This includes trips to the Republic of Ireland and mainland UK. If you are arriving into Northern Ireland from within the Common Travel Area (the Republic of Ireland, Great Britain, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands) and you plan to remain here for at least 24 hours, you must self-isolate upon arrival for ten days in the same way as international arrivals. Full guidance can be found on the [NI Direct website](https://www.ni-direct.gov.uk).

There is a possibility that guidance may change surrounding this but this information reflects the current position. If you have any queries please email Mr Scott on ascott727@c2kni.net.

DE PAYMENT SCHEMES SURVEY

The Department of Education is currently evaluating the effectiveness of the two similar but separate schemes: a scheme to deliver Direct Payments in lieu of Free School Meals and the School Holiday Food Grant Payment Scheme. These schemes have been providing financial support of £13.50 per child per week, as necessary, to families of children entitled to Free School Meals since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic.

I have been asked to forward you a link ([please click here to access](#)) to a short survey which will assist the Department of Education in planning for future payment schemes. I would encourage you to complete the online survey- it should take no more than 2 minutes.

STRAIDHAVERN SUPER STAR AWARDS

We have launched a new weekly award to celebrate the amazing children in Straidhavern Primary School. Keep your eyes peeled on our Facebook page for the winners each week! Well done to our first three winners: **Morgan Wilson, Oakley Hoults and Ellie Webber**.

GYMNASTICS SUCCESS

Huge congratulations to Isabelle Beeching for her recent success in a virtual gymnastics competition with Phoenix Gymnastics NI. She won 1st place in the over 12 category. Such an achievement for such a talented member of our Straidhavern family!

JDO FOUNDATION

Straidhavern PS continue to work closely with our friends at Surmount International School, Gorakhpur, India. The pupils recently competed in a Dance Challenge and in a Geo-Kahoot against children from across the globe. We're keeping everything crossed that we're able to secure some prizes! Well done to all the children who participated.

The Key Stage 2 pupils are celebrating 'World Kindness Week' from 10th-14th May with our friends at Surmount. Keep an eye out for pictures on Class Dojo and on our Social Media platforms.

SOCIAL MEDIA

If you use Social Media, please like and follow our Facebook page 'Straidhavern Primary' and follow us on Twitter @StraidhavernPS. This will keep you up-to-date with relevant information and news. Feel free to like and share our posts also.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Our school website www.straidhavernps.co.uk will keep you up to date with upcoming events and keep you informed with what's happening in school.

2021-22 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

I have attached a copy of the School Holidays for the next academic year. Although we hope these dates won't change, it may be necessary for some changes to be made due to unforeseen circumstances. We will keep you informed via Class Dojo and on our school website.

P1 ADMISSIONS

Children joining P1 in September will now have received confirmation of their place. We look forward to welcoming these new faces into school in August.

If you have a child at home who is due to start school in the next few years we'd love if you could complete an '[Expression of Interest Form](#)'. If you could share this with any friends or neighbours who may be interested that would be greatly appreciated.

BREAKFAST CLUB

We are trying to determine interest to run our Breakfast Club in the next academic year. To help us do this, we would very much appreciate if you could complete the following [survey](#).

Thanks for your continued support and I hope everyone has a restful week off next week!

Mr A Scott (Principal)

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2021/2022 SCHOOL YEAR

HOLIDAYS

Please be aware that, whilst we make every effort to adhere to these dates, occasionally it may be necessary to amend them, due to unforeseen circumstances. Parents will be notified of any changes via the school website and Class Dojo.

Autumn Term

Term Begins	Tuesday 24 th August 2021	Normal Day
School Closed	Monday 30 th August 2021	Bank Holiday
School Closed	Monday 25 th October to Friday 29 th October 2021 (inclusive)	Half Term
Term Ends	Friday 17 th December 2021	Half Day

Spring Term

Term Begins	Wednesday 5 th January 2022	Normal Day
School Closed	Monday 14 th February to Friday 18 th February 2022 (inclusive)	Half Term
School Closed	Thursday 17 th March and Friday 18 th March 2022	
Term Ends	Friday 8 th April 2022	Half Day

Summer Term

Term Begins	Monday 25 th April 2022	Normal Day
School Closed	Monday 2 nd May 2022	Bank Holiday
School Closed	Wednesday 1 st June to Friday 3 rd June 2022 (inclusive)	Bank Holidays
Term Ends	Thursday 30 th June 2022	Half Day

**On a half day all children will be dismissed at 12 noon.
No school dinners will be available on these days.**