



STRAIDHAVERN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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INFORMATION FOR PARENTS (MARCH/APRIL 2023)

Dear Parents,

We are fast approaching the Easter Holidays. It's been a busy second term at Straidhavern Primary School. I've included some important news for your information over the next few weeks.

Thank you as always for your continued support!

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

These are taking place on Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th March 2023. On these days, school will close to pupils at 12.30pm (after the children have had their lunch). Wraparound Care will still be provided as usual on these days. Parents have been allocated a ten minute appointment with their child's teacher. **When you arrive to school for your interview, please knock on the class teacher's door.** As we've timetabled the appointments within two days we need to ensure we run strictly with the times that we've planned- please arrive promptly for your child's interview.



ST PATRICKS DAY

School will be closed to pupils from Wednesday 15th to Friday 17th March 2023.

EASTER HOLIDAYS

Our Easter Holidays are from Monday 3rd to Friday 14th April. Our last day of term is Friday 31st March. This will be a full day as normal. This is a slight change from previous correspondence. Thank you for your understanding with this.



BLACKBERRY FARM



On Friday 24th March, our P1 and 2 children will be enjoying a visit from Blackberry Farm as part of their topic on 'Farms'. They'll be meeting lambs, chicks and lots of different farmyard animals. Keep your eyes on their class story or on our socials for the pictures!

CREDIT UNION QUIZ SUCCESS

A huge well done to Imelda, Olivia, Jemimah and Harrison for their recent victory at the NI Finals of the School's Credit Union Quiz. The children travelled to Malone Lodge Hotel, Belfast for the finals on Sunday 5th March. They completely hit it out of the park and are now progressing to the All Ireland Finals which are being held on Sunday 2nd April in Dublin! We wish them all the best for this- we are so proud of each of you! Go Team Straidhavern!



DINNER CHOICES

To avoid any confusion with the children's dinner orders we have decided to create a dinner ordering form. Parents can access this via Class Dojo on a Friday and should fill out their child's dinner choices for the week ahead. Please continue to send money into school as normal for these. Miss Baker will post the link to next week's dinner order form on Friday morning. If you've any issues with this, please call her to school directly.

STRANMILLIS STUDENT

Miss McFadden, a third year Stranmillis student, has been in school for her teaching practice. She has just finished her block with our P1/2 class and then will be teaching our P6/7 class until Friday 24th March. Miss McFadden has been putting so much effort into all her lessons and she's going to be an amazing teacher when she graduates next year. Good luck for the rest of your placement Miss McFadden!

NI EDUCATION AWARDS 2023

Following our success at last year's Education Awards, when Mrs McCrory scooped the 'Best Teacher in NI' Award, we have again been selected as finalists in this year's awards. Miss Baker is a finalist for 'Best Support Staff' and our school is a finalist for 'Best Primary School in County Antrim'. We will announce further details on how to cast your votes when we know more information. The award night is taking place on Saturday 22nd April at Titanic, Belfast!



SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2023/24

Next year's school holidays and closures have been posted to the school story on Class Dojo. Although these are provisional until ratified by the Board of Governors, we don't anticipate these will change much. If there are any changes, I will let you know as a matter of urgency.

As always, if you have any issues or concerns, please feel free to contact myself or your child's class teacher via Dojo or directly at school. Although we can't always reply to messages outside of pupil hours, we do our best to answer parents as soon as we can.

Thanks for your continued support!

Mr A Scott-Mulholland (Principal)