



STRAIDHAVERN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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INFORMATION FOR PARENTS (MAY AND JUNE 2023)

Dear Parents,

It's really not an understatement to say that this year has flown by and we are now approaching our final few weeks of this academic year. I hope everyone is starting to look forward to their summer break. I hope you find the following information useful - the last few weeks of school are going to be action packed!

P5-7 RESIDENTIAL TRIP: YMCA GREENHILL, NEWCASTLE

Our P5-7 pupils are very much looking forward to their two-night residential trip to Greenhill YMCA, Newcastle. The children will have an action packed few days with activities including paddleboarding, bouldering and high ropes! Keep your eyes peeled on Dojo and on our school socials for some snapshots while we're away!



I am holding a meeting on Monday 15th May at 2pm for parents and pupils. This will allow everyone to know what to expect and I'll also let you know the types of things they will need to bring with them. If you're unable to make the meeting, please let me know and I can send you over some information via Dojo.

SPORTS DAY



We are planning on holding this year's Sports Day on Monday 19th June (weather permitting). The races will kick off at 10.30am. **This will be a half day for pupils.** Children will be able to leave school after the races are finished - there will be no school dinners on this day. Hopefully we will see a good turnout of supporting parents on this day - remember your trainers for the mum and dad races!

END OF YEAR REPORTS

End of Year Reports will be sent home with pupils on Friday 23rd June 2023. Please sign these and return to school. A copy will then be sent home for you to keep for your records.

REACH PROGRAMME

Mark from the Education Authority's REACH Team will be working with our P6/7 pupils each Wednesday afternoon for the rest of the term from 2-3pm. The aim of these sessions is to prepare children for the transition into post-primary and also working on key skills such as resilience and emotional wellbeing. These sessions started yesterday and the children thoroughly enjoyed working with Mark.



CLASS TRIPS



Parents will have received details of their children's class trip on Dojo. P1/2 are going for a day at the theatre on 15th June and P6/7 are off to the North Down Museum, for an action-packed Viking day, on 16th May. Mrs Hunter is finalising details for her class trip and parents will find out the details of this very soon.

16th MAY

The P6/7 children are on their school trip on 16th May and Mark is providing the transport. As he won't be back to school in time for the P1-3 pupils finishing, these children are welcome to stay in school for wraparound until 3pm for free. Otherwise, they can be collected at 2pm at the school gates. Please let Mrs McCrory or Miss Baker know either way on Dojo by Tuesday morning.

P7 LEAVERS ARRANGEMENTS

Our P7s are getting very excited about moving on to their next schools in September. P7 Parents will find out the outcome of the Post-Primary Admissions process on **Saturday 20th May 2023** on the EA Portal. We hope to give them a great send off. On Monday 26th June they will have their P7 fun day out and on Tuesday 27th June they will have their final assembly (beginning at 1.30pm). This will be the last day for the P7 pupils - they can enjoy an early start to their summer holidays from Wednesday 28th June. School will finish for the year for all other pupils at 12 noon on Friday 30th June.



P1 INDUCTION AFTERNOON

Our new P1 pupils will be coming to school on Monday 19th June to meet their new teacher, their classroom assistant, Mrs Marks, and to see their new classroom. We look forward to meeting these children as they prepare to begin their primary education at Straidhavern Primary School. Our new P1 parents will have received information and details for this afternoon separately.

STAFF CHANGES

As you all know, 30th June will be the last day for both Mrs McCrory and myself. I know I speak for us both when I say that we have loved our time at Straidhavern! The Governors will have appointed a new P1/2 Teacher and Principal before the end of this year. We hope that the new members of the staff will be able to meet new P1 parents at their Induction Afternoon on 19th June. Mrs Rae will be taking up the role of SENCO within the school from September.



Mr Cormican will also be finishing with us at the end of this year. Mr Cormican has been an amazing support within the Key Stage 2 class and is a valued member of our Straidhavern family. We wish him all the best on his next venture. Thank you, Mr Cormican!

Thank you for all your support this year. As always, if you have any concerns at all, including any concerns of a safeguarding nature, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me on the email at the top of this letter, or at school directly.

I hope everyone has a great rest of the final term!

Thank you,

Mr Andrew Scott-Mulholland
Principal