



## September's Monthly Newsletter



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another exciting academic year at Kirkinriola Primary School. We hope that you all found time to enjoy some family fun over the summer and are looking forward to the new adventures that 2017/18 has in store.

Next week you should receive a pack home including all of the information and permission forms needed at the start of the year. Please complete these as soon as possible and return to school so that your child's files can be updated.

Looking forward to catching up with you all at the family fun night next week.

Mrs J Crabbe

### Dates for September

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| <b>Friday 1st</b>    | School Opens to Pupils                 | <b>Tuesday 12th</b>   | Swimming starts for P4-6          |
| <b>Monday 4th</b>    | Forest School Starts for P2-4          | <b>Wednesday 13th</b> | PTA Meeting at 7.00pm             |
| <b>Wednesday 6th</b> | Forest School Starts for P5-7          | <b>Tuesday 26th</b>   | Play Sport NI Sessions start P1-7 |
| <b>Friday 8th</b>    | <b>*PTA Family Fun Night @ 6.30pm*</b> | <b>Thursday 28th</b>  | National Poetry Day               |

A warm welcome to our new P1's



### Next Week's Highlight

#### PTA Family Fun Night

Fri 9th September at 6.00pm



Following the success of last year's event, the PTA are once again holding their annual Family Fun Night. The idea is to bring together the whole Kirkinriola Community and to enable all families to get time to chat together.

All being well, there will be inflatables to entertain the kids and thanks to the amazing hospitality of our PTA, food and drinks will be provided on the evening.

Thank you in advance for supporting this event.

## Forest School is Back!

P2-7 Forest School sessions will usually be held weekly on Monday and Wednesday afternoons between 1.15-2pm for P1-4 and P5-7 respectively.

To ensure that all pupils can take part in Forest School they must have appropriate kit to keep them warm and safe outdoors. Waterproofs are provided but every child will need a change of clothes and wellies. To avoid any disappointment, we would be really grateful if you could send kits in before our first session next week.



### Pick up Times

P1 Parents please note: your child will be available to collect at the blue gate at 12 o'clock each day until Friday 29th September.

From Monday 2nd October P1 pupils will stay in school to 2pm unless they are attending 'After School Club' which runs until 3pm.

### Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club will continue to run again this year from 8.15am—8.45am. Children will be fully supervised by qualified staff and provided with a healthy breakfast.

We are very pleased to be able to maintain the cost of £1.00 per child, per day. Siblings will now also cost £1.00. We hope this will help us to improve the facilities on offer.

In order to plan staffing needs and catering requirements in advance we are sending out a form which enables you to notify us of the days your child will attend Breakfast Club. There will no longer be a drop in service except in exceptional circumstances.

### Transfer Test Applications

Registration closes on...

- **Friday 8th September** for any pupils wishing to take the AQE assessment.
- **Friday 22nd September at 2pm** for any pupils wishing to be entered for GL Assessment.



**Mrs Crawford with P6&7 and a special welcome to our new teacher Mr Murray with P4&5**



### After School Clubs

Mrs Todd's After School Club runs Monday to Thursday from 2-3pm. This facility is for any children who are finishing school at 2pm but who choose to stay in school for a 3pm pick up.

Primary 2 finish at 2pm Monday to Thursday.

Primary 3 finish at 2pm Wednesday & Thursday.

The cost of After School Club is £2 per child, per day and this should be sent in with dinner sheets on Monday. It is important we know how many children will be attending After School Club in advance to help us maintain the correct adult to child ratios.

### Play SportNI (Starting Tuesday 26th September)

Play SportNI will be returning this year to provide fun, sporty activities after school. It is hoped that they will be able to provide two sessions, P1-3 between 2-3pm and P4-7 between 3pm-4pm. More information about this will be sent out next week.

### No Nuts Policy and Healthy Breaks

Kirkinriola operates a 'No Nuts' policy to help protect children who have nut allergies. We are really grateful to all parents for your support with this.

In particular we would encourage parents to avoid:

- chocolate spread
- nutty cereal bars

and to check labelling on packaging before putting into lunch boxes.

We also operate a Healthy Break policy. There are new reward systems in place to reward pupils who chose a healthy break like:

- Fruit or Vegetables
- Fruit yoghurts
- Crackers and Cheese
- Sandwiches



We thank you for your support in providing healthy lunch boxes and promoting these healthy messages with your children.