

# Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2019

On behalf of the Governors and Staff of the school may I welcome back all our pupils and give a special welcome to our new pupils and their families. It's wonderful to see our pupils looking so well in their school uniform and we would request that **every** article of clothing (coats, fleeces, sweatshirt/jumper, tie, blouse/shirt, skirt/trousers, shoes and P.E. kit) is clearly labelled.

Please read the following information carefully and reply where necessary as soon as possible.

**SCHOOL TIMES: 9.00am-3.00pm (commencing Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September)**

**No child is to be on the school premises (apart from Breakfast Club pupils) before 8.45am as there will be NO supervision before this time!**

Access to school is only through the Tildarg Road entrance. Please press the buzzer to gain admittance (after 9am). The door will not be locked until 9.00am each morning.

**Opening - 8.15am** Breakfast Club (in school hall) NO playground supervision !!

**8.45am** Supervision in playground begins

**9.00am** School Begins.

**Closing - P1/2 finish at 2.00pm**

**P3 finish at 2.00pm on Monday and Friday / 3.00pm rest of week.**

**P4-7 finish at 3.00pm**

To save embarrassment and interruption to lessons, please make sure your children are **punctual**.

Miss McCullough and Mrs Stewart have other classes at 2.00pm, so please collect your children **promptly** at the school gate. Should you be held up for any reason, please ring the school.

**\*Please Note:** If you wish your child to walk home on their own, or cross the lane/road, please inform the school in writing at the beginning of each school year, giving your permission for this.

**Once children leave the premises, they are no longer the school's responsibility.**

**Tildarg Lane must be kept free of traffic at all times.**

## **FROM MONDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019:**

School Dinners, Breakfast and After School Clubs, and Taxi details as follows:

Dinners - **£2.60 per day**, Dinner money for the week should be brought on a **Monday** morning. Cheques to be made payable to Education Authority North Eastern Region.

\* Please tell your child when/if they are having dinner, especially P1/2.

Taxi - Transport begins Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

Breakfast Club - **£2.00 per day**. Opens at **8.15am**. Last orders at **8.30am**. Money for this to be paid directly to Mrs Tosh, either daily or weekly.

After School Club - **£2.00 per day**. For P1-P3 from 2.00-3.00pm. Money to be paid directly to Mrs Close, preferably on a Monday morning.

\* Please tell your child when/if they are to stay.

**Please ensure** the above monies are sent in **SEPARATE named envelopes**. These monies are lodged separately, therefore the **correct amount** must be sent in for **each activity** above.

**Change is NOT available.** I apologise for any inconvenience this causes.

## **FREE SCHOOL MEALS/TRANSPORT:**

If you think you may be entitled to these, please contact the Education Authority North Eastern Region.

\*Even if your child DOES NOT always eat school dinners, the **school budget benefits immensely** from each successful application awarded by the Board by 5<sup>th</sup> October.

## **TODDLER GROUP:**

Everyone welcome for chat and goodies in our assembly hall on **Wednesday mornings from 4<sup>th</sup> September, 9.45-11.45am**. Spread the word!

## **FORMS:**

Please check the Data Collection Form sent home and make a note of any changes in red. Please complete all forms and **return to school no later than Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September**.



**TILDARG PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**STRING, WOODWIND, GUITAR, PIANO LESSONS:**

All pupils who are interested in continuing lessons, or would like to be tested on their ability to commence strings, woodwind, brass, guitar, ukulele or piano, must complete the attached note and return it to Mrs L Stewart before Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

**CONTACTING SCHOOL:**

To reduce interruption to teaching, please try to contact school within the following times:

**8.30-8.50am and 3.00-4.00pm, except in an emergency.**

Outside these times, please leave your name, number and a short message, and your query will be dealt with as soon as possible. If you need to speak to your child's teacher about any concern, you **must** contact the Principal first.

**PTA AGM:**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm.** We have a very hard-working, supportive PTA who would be delighted to welcome new members, so please come and join in.

**ABSENCE NOTES:**

When a child is absent, each teacher must fill in a code on our computer system to explain the reason for the absence. This information is entered daily, so after each absence, please fill in the absence slip and return this on your child's first day back to school. A copy of this is available on the school website, and a hard copy has been sent home today.

**PE KIT:**

This year brings the phased introduction of a PE kit (green t-shirt and navy shorts) for P1 to P7. This can be purchased from Sport N' Sound in Ballyclare. Pull on P.E slippers are required for P1-P4 and trainers for P5-P7. The new PE kit will not be compulsory until next academic year. Therefore pupils may still wear their green polo shirt, shorts and trainers.

\* Please remember **no jewellery** should be worn to school, except watches. **All jewellery must** be removed for P.E and physical activities.

**SWIMMING:**

P6 will commence swimming lessons on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

**AQE REGISTRATION:** Closing date Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 12.00 noon.

**SCHOOL CLOSED (STAFF TRAINING DAY):** Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September - Pupils do not need to attend.

**CLASS ITEMS:**

Lists were given out in June stating items required for each class. We appreciate your help by sending in these items. We would ask that all items, including the £3 for mental maths booklets (P4-P7 only) be brought to school by Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

**END OF SCHOOL:**

Due to a recent situation, I would ask that when children leave school they remain with an adult at all times for their safety.

Thank you for your help and support in all the above matters. I hope you have had a pleasant and safe summer holiday.



(Principal)

**CARETAKER POSITION:** We require a caretaker on a temporary basis (1-3 months possibly), starting 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019, to cover Mr Gilmore's sick leave. The working hours are: Monday to Friday 8am -9am ; and 2.30pm-5pm. If you would be interested in this position please contact me as soon as possible.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

- **PTA AGM**  
10/09/19(Tues)  
@7:30pm
- **AQE Registration Closes**  
06/09/19 (Fri)
- **Staff Training Day**  
20/09/19 (Fri)
- **MacMillan Coffee Morning**  
27/09/19 (Fri)
- **Travelling Book Fair**  
23/09/19 - 27/09/19

**REMINDERS**

- Data Collection and Permission forms to be returned to school as soon as possible
- Follow us on Twitter @TildargPrimary
- Check out our school website [www.tildargps.co.uk](http://www.tildargps.co.uk)
- Follow us using the Schools NI App
- Follow our PTA on Facebook : Tildarg



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