

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021



TILDARG PRIMARY SCHOOL

### **SHINING LIGHTS (with Stephen Blair) - P1-P4:**

Football sessions will take place **each Monday from 10<sup>th</sup> May to 21<sup>st</sup> June** (excluding 31<sup>st</sup> May school closure). The children will remain in their bubbles, and will be taken at separate times, allowing cleaning of equipment between sessions. Where possible this will take place outside. The adult will keep 2m from the pupils and will wear a mask at all times.

### **CRICKET COACHING - P5-P7:**

Templepatrick Cricket Club have once again offered to provide our school with some cricket coaching. The skills the pupils learn are directly related to the curriculum; with regards to catching, striking, throwing etc. The children will remain in their bubbles, and will be taken at separate times, allowing cleaning of equipment between sessions. Where possible this will take place outside.

There is a cost for this tuition. We would appreciate it if each **child contributed £5** towards this cost. They will receive 8 one hour sessions, each Thursday in May & June.

### **UNIFORM / JEWELLERY:**

Just a reminder that children should continue to wear the green school polo-shirt until further notice. **No jewellery**, including wrist bands etc. to be worn, except for a watch. **No ear-rings** to be worn in school. If your child has had their ears pierced within the last 6 weeks, and thus cannot remove their ear-rings, plasters must be used to cover these when in school. **Please note:** Due to health and safety regulations, children **may not take part in PE** with ear-rings in (whether covered or not). Please try to ensure if you are planning to get your child's ears pierced, so as to avoid them missing out on PE etc., this should be done at the start of the Summer holidays, so ear-rings can be removed when in school.

### **SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS:**

Please ensure that your child has their own school essentials each day e.g. pencil, rubber, ruler, glue, handwriting pen, sharpener etc., as these items cannot be shared. If you are unsure what your child needs to bring in their schoolbag, please ask his/her teacher.

### **WATER BOTTLES:**

While we encourage pupils to drink water during the school day, please ensure a non-spill bottle is brought to school.

### **PUPIL UPDATE:**

The staff are delighted that the pupils have settled back into school life so well, and we thank you for all the hard work you put in over lockdown, supporting your child/ren with their home learning activities. Your support and understanding during what has been a difficult and rapidly changing time, has been greatly appreciated. We held parent/teacher interviews in November, and as we have mainly been doing home learning since then, with regular contact between home and school, we did not run interviews in February. A school report will be given out at the end of June. However, if you have any concerns about your child's work or development, please feel free to contact your child's class teacher to request a convenient time to speak with them, on the phone.

### **SCHOOL READING BOOKS:**

Please have a good look at home for any reading books or school equipment which was used during both lockdown periods, and return these to school. We are missing a lot of reading books, which cannot be replaced easily (or at all), and without the set we will be unable to use these for reading groups next year.

## KEY DATES

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- ⇒ **P1 Acceptance Letters:** You will receive a letter confirming your place in Tildarg for the P1 class, for September 2021 (proposed start date Wednesday 25/08/21)
- ⇒ **1st Bank Holiday:** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021
- ⇒ **Staff Development Day:** Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021 (no pupils)
- ⇒ **Staff Development Day:** Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021 (no pupils)
- ⇒ **2nd Bank Holiday:** Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021.
- ⇒ **Sports Week:** Week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> June

## CHANGE TO FINISHING TIME: (Commencing from Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May)

After a lot of discussion and deliberation we have decided to lengthen the school day by **30 minutes for all pupils.**

- ♦ **P1-P4 will now finish at 2.20pm**—This is a later time than usual, especially for P1/2. However, with having a full term of home learning, we feel this extra time will be a great benefit for them on this occasion.
  - ♦ **P5-P7 will now finish at 2.30pm**
- We will aim to let siblings of those in P1-P4 out at around 2.20pm, to avoid unnecessary waiting about for siblings, thus assisting with social distancing in the playground. We will continue to keep our finish time and procedures under review.

## TAXI SPACE:

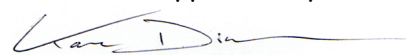
For pupil safety **please keep the taxi space clear** every day (at the front of the school), at both **drop off and collection times** (a sign has been put up at this parking space).

## ARRIVING AT SCHOOL (Reminders):

- Children are to be brought to the school gate/class entrance door between 8.45am and 9am.
- Children **MUST NOT** walk from the car park to the school gate by him/herself.
- The playground gates will be locked at 9am for pupil safety.
- If arriving after 9am, please enter via the front entrance, ring the school to ensure an adult will be there to open the front door, greet your child, and complete the necessary safety routines upon entry.

## LEAVING SCHOOL (IMPORTANT Reminders):

- For pupil safety, (due to Tildarg Lane) and to allow for social distancing, **PARENTS MUST ENTER THE PLAYGROUND**, to collect their child/children before they will be released by the teacher.
  - \* We ask that P3/4 parents come into the playground closer to the extension part of the building (remaining socially distanced, wearing face coverings, and not mixing households).
  - \* We ask that P5/6 parents enter into the playground, but stay closer to the fence side / older building (remaining socially distanced, wearing face coverings, and not mixing households).
- Children **MUST NOT** cross the lane or road by themselves, even if they see a parent in the car park. The teacher will not release the child until the parent is in the playground. This is for their safety, as the lane is very dangerous.
- We would ask that you leave the school premises once you have your child dropped-off/picked-up, to allow for social distancing, to help with congestion/parking and to keep everyone as safe as possible. Please ensure your children remain with you, and not playing in the playground once collected, for their own safety.
- We will appreciate your help and support in following all these safety guidelines.



Mrs K. S. Dickson (Principal)

## REMINDERS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Please see dates to the left.
- **Last day of Term 3**  
Ending at  
**12 noon (P1-P4)**  
**12.10am (P5-P7)**  
30/06/21 (Wednesday)  
(subject to change)
- **2021/2022 School Year commences**  
25/08/21 (Wed)  
(subject to change)
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