



Altamuskin's September News

Welcome Back!

A warm welcome back to work with the children and everyone for the 2018/2019 families of this wonderful academic year. I especially community.

I look forward to meeting welcome Ava Conroy, Jenny you all in the coming days Donnelly, Deaglan McCarville, and weeks. Should you need Micheal Conroy and Eoghan to contact me about any McCann to the school. I am issue, large or small, please sure they will have many be assured that my door is happy days, and will always open. contribute much, to St. Brian McKenna

I am honoured to have been Acting Principal given this opportunity to



Our P1s on their first day of school.

Class Groupings:

Year 1/2: Miss McGorry

Year 3/4/5: Mr McKenna

Year 6/7: Miss McNulty

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mrs Gormley, her husband Brian, and their new family. We pray that God looks over them as they start a new chapter in their lives.

WhatsApp and E-Mail Service

We are currently updating the Contact details etc. Please complete the Data Capture Form, amend where necessary and return it. Please include your e-mail address with your contact details so that we can e mail the school notes, menus, and links to photographs of events in the school etc. Also, if your

mobile phone number changes, please update the mobile number you wish to receive school 'What's App Broadcast' on. If you don't have 'WhatsApp' you can download it from the 'Apple Store' or 'Google Play Store' We strongly recommend availing of this service to allow you to keep up to date with

school activities.

Please ensure that you save the school mobile number into your phone contacts (only once) so that you receive the WhatsApp broadcast. 07342 929267



WhatsApp

Dinner and Milk Money

Dinner is £2.60 per day. Milk money for this term (until Christmas) is £18. Money is collected on a Monday. This job is made much easier if the correct change is given in the envelope marked with the pupil's names and what the money is for.



After School Service!

The 2 o'clock Club will continue as normal this year. It costs £10 per week. The children get opportunities to socialise with their friends during carefully planned, fun, interactive learning activities. They have opportunities to improve their ICT skills, language development and independence in a safe, stimulating environment. Please contact school for more information. 2-3:15pm. The 2 o'clock club will be dependent on numbers and will be reviewed at Halloween



Video and photographic permission slips

In line with our Child Protection/ Safeguarding Policy, permission to take video and photographic images must be obtained along with other permissions. Please read/ sign and return enclosed consent forms.

Library Van

The Library van will visit our school every fortnight. This will begin on Tuesday 4th September from 10am-11am. It will be at the Community Centre from 11am.



School Times

School opens: 9am

School begins: 9.15am

School ends for P.1 and P.2: 2pm

School ends for P.3- P.7: 3.15pm.

Children should not be dropped off before 9am as we cannot provide supervision until then.

We appreciate you collecting your children promptly at 3:15pm.



Irish

Irish classes begin mid September. It costs £10 for term one. This is a great opportunity for your child to learn a second language!



Homework

Homework is a way for parents to monitor their child's progress; it is a means of consolidating and extending class work. Please check over your child's homework every night and sign their homework diary weekly.

Healthy Break

At 10.45 the children will get a break to eat their snack. This should be a piece of fruit. We would encourage all children to bring a piece of fruit every day.



Good luck

GO FOR IT !



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Good luck to last years P.7s. We wish them well in their new schools and hope that they will continue to work hard to achieve their goals.

Medical Needs

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If your child has any medical needs, including asthma, which the school is not aware of, please record on data capture form and contact the school **immediately** so appropriate procedures can be followed.

Absence notes

Reminder: All absences should be followed up with a note for the class teacher. Please record the date and reason for the absence.

Our Entrance!

In the interests of safety and in line with our Child Protection/Safeguarding Policy, access to the school will be via the **main entrance only**.

If you need to collect your child from school early, please contact your child's teacher by note/phonecall at the beginning of that day then report to the main office to sign your child out. An adult will then arrange for your child to meet you.



Please use this front entrance only.



A little reminder that peanuts or any other product containing nuts should NOT be sent to school. Thank you for your co-operation!

Red and White Day

Last Friday, our school turned into a sea of red and white in anticipation for Sunday's All Ireland Final. Unfortunately, the result did not go to plan but the players, and especially the Errigal Ciaran contingent, done us proud. We look forward to Friday 14th September when we have another Red and White Day to support Tyrone Ladies in their quest for All Ireland Glory.



Uniforms

It is great to see the excellent standard of the children's uniforms. This creates a great image for the school and helps children carry the same standard into their work.

Please ensure that **all items of uniform** and PE kit are labelled with the child's name and class to reduce the chances of items getting lost.



White Shirt

Green and Navy striped Tie

Navy jumper / cardigan

Navy trousers / skirt

Suitable footwear



Swimming

The P5/P6/P7 start their swimming programme on Wednesday 5th September. This runs for 15 weeks. Can payment be forwarded to the school as soon as possible.

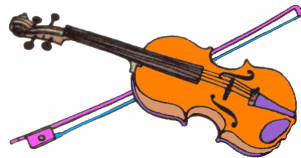
Non-Uniform Day!

The last Friday of every month will be a non-uniform day for the pupils. There will be a £1 charge for this. This money will go to school funds.

Violin

Registration:

Reminder: All children must register for lessons if they wish to continue this year. Contact the Education Authority to register.



Transfer

Reminder: The deadline for children to register for the transfer test is Friday 21st September at 2pm. If you have any queries please visit www.pptcni.com or contact the school where you are hoping to sit the test.

When to contact your school

If you would like to discuss any matters regarding school:

Partnership is key if all our pupils are to achieve their full potential; therefore we welcome your interest in St. Brigid's. We hope that you will share with us, the task of making these important years in your child's life a successful and enjoyable experience. If you have any enquiries or concerns relating to your child's education or development, please contact the school to make an appointment. The best time to contact school is between 8.45 and 9.15am or after 3.15pm. This is before and after class time. Teachers are unavailable during class time.

Authorisation for collection of children:

If you are unable to collect your child:

If someone else is to collect your child, or you are allowing them to walk home on their own, please inform the class teacher by means of a signed note or a phone call. We will only release children into the care of individuals named by the parent/carer by means of a signed note or a phone call. This is particularly important when children are visiting friends' houses e.g. birthday parties. Children **can not** be lifted by a friend's parent without notice being given to the class teacher/principal beforehand.