

FIVEMILETOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

We hope you and your children have enjoyed the Summer break and are looking forward to the new term. We look forward to welcoming all our pupils back on Monday, 1st September and getting to know our new pupils when they start using their staggered intake time.

I have outlined some useful information below:

When coming into school in the morning all pupils in Primary 1-7 will enter using the main entrance door. School will be open from 8.50am and all pupils must be in school by **9.10am**. When children enter school after 9.10am, they are marked 'late'.

Home times are as follows:

Nursery – 1.20pm once your child is attending a full day

P1 – 1.30pm until half term and 2pm thereafter

P2 – 2pm

P3 – 3pm Monday – Wednesday and 2pm Thursday and Friday

P4-7 - 3pm.

Pupils in Primary 1 leave through their classroom door. Primary 2 pupils leave through the purple fire exit door next to their classroom. Primary 3 pupils on Monday – Wednesday leave through the main entrance door and on a Thursday and Friday leave through the Assembly Hall door. **All pupils leaving at 3pm leave through the Assembly Hall door.**

Mrs Graydon will bring children to the buses at 2.55pm. Children who are getting collected by parents or guardians will be collected outside the assembly hall door at approximately 3pm. Children who are walking home on their own, will then leave the school, at approximately 3.05pm. This staggered exit from our school premises, was trialled last term and we found less congestion on the Ballagh Road and it allowed our pupils a safer exit from school.

Breaktime **fruit snack** will be provided for Nursery, Primary 1 and Primary 2 at £2.50 per week.

Primary 3-7 will have the option to purchase a whole piece of fruit e.g. apple, orange, plum etc. at 50p per day or £2.50 per week. If providing your child with their own snack, please remember, fruit snacks only.

Cost of **dinners** for Nursery are £2.50 per day/ £12.50 per week and Primary 1-7 are £2.60 per day/ £13 per week. The new **menu** is up on the school website. **If eligible, don't forget to apply for Free**

School Meals. If providing your child with a pack lunch please remember we are a **nut free school** therefore children should not bring in an item of food with nuts in it. Always read the labels.

A letter providing details to order milk for breaktimes will follow.

Afterschool Club is available for Primary 1 & 2 Monday – Friday and for Primary 3 Thursday and Friday 2pm – 3pm. The cost is £2.50 per day, this includes snack. This club will take place in the Primary 1 playroom. Please note, Primary 1 can avail of this club from 1st September, children will be looked after from 1.30pm – 3pm at no additional expense.

Breakfast Club is open from 8am, everyday Monday – Friday. The cost is £2.50 per day. Last entry into the club is 8.35am. This year, Breakfast Club will take place in the hall. When your child arrives for Breakfast Club, please come to the hall door.

Breakfast Menu

Milk/ Water

Cereal, toast, pancakes

Homework Club runs from 3pm – 5pm.

3pm – 4pm £2.50 (including snack)

4pm – 5pm £2.50

Pupils have their snack first and then focus on their homework from 3pm – 4pm. Staff will be a guide for your child when completing Homework and will encourage them to be as independent as possible. Parents should check their written work and support their child in reading and spelling. From 4pm – 5pm pupils will participate in a variety of activities for example, physical activity, art and crafts, tabletop games. Generally, this club will take place on a Monday in the hall and Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in the staffroom. When collecting your child please come to the hall door on a Monday and on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday come to the main entrance door and ring the buzzer.

Please note, if your child is collected for example, at 4.15pm, the cost will be £5. **School should be informed on a Monday, as far as possible, which days you wish your child to attend and money should be sent in an envelope.**

If your child is attending an afterschool club from 3-4pm, e.g. football, they can attend the Homework Club from 4-5pm. The pupil would be expected to complete their homework with a higher level of noise as the other children will have finished their homework. Pupils coming into club at 4pm will be provided a snack.

All of the above are available from Monday 1st September and I would appreciate it if all monies are sent into school in a separate envelope with your child's name and details of what the money is for every Monday morning as this will enable us to sort staff rotas, ensuring we have suitable staff/pupil ratios.

Breakfast Club, Afterschools and Homework Club are offered every day throughout the academic year. As school closes at 12 noon on 19th December, 1st April and 30th June Afterschools and Homework Club will not be provided on these dates.

Afterschool Clubs

Children will receive permission slips & further details regarding these clubs, in the coming days.

Pre-loved uniforms

We still have a collection of jumpers etc which we will make available for parents from 1st – 12th September. Please have a look and take any items, even as spares!

PE Uniform

Primary 1-3 pupils should have plimsolls and navy shorts. These should be sent into school in a drawstring bag where it will stay.

Primary 4-7 pupils should have gym shoes/ trainers, white polo shirt and navy shorts. These can go back and forth from home but must be remembered on the designated day.

Primary 1 and Primary 2 pupils should bring **wellie boots** in a named bag which will stay in school so pupils can access outdoor play throughout the year.

Primary **4-7 pupils** bring their **own school bags** with a pencil case to school. All will be provided for pupils in Primary 1-3.

If you have any **reading books or library books** at home, please return them in the box in main foyer.

We want your child to enjoy school. To ease your child's transition into their new year group, teachers will meet parents on the following dates to outline their expectations and explain homeworks etc. If parents have any questions, this would be a good opportunity to ask the class teacher.

P1 - 10th September at 1pm

P2 – 3rd September at 1.30pm

P3 - 4th September at 1.30pm

P4 – 3rd September at 2pm

P5 - 4th September at 2pm

P6 - 4th September at 2.30pm

P7 – 3rd September at 2.30pm These meetings will take place in your child's classroom.

I appreciate that there is a lot of information, please do contact me if you have any queries.

Kind regards,

F Pryce