

## Welcome back!

I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer break. It is lovely to see the children back in school, settled and learning again! Everyone is looking so smart in the Ladywell uniform.

A huge welcome to our new families in primary one and throughout the school.

We have all enjoyed a lovely start to the term, with our youngest children in Primary 1 performing a song today in front of the children at our Infant Assembly!

## Staffing

### Our staffing this year is as follows:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
P1A	Mrs Horne/Miss Clemente
P1B	Mrs Carton/Mrs Bamford
P2A	Miss Steel/Miss Taylor
P2B	Mr Colquhoun
P3A	Mrs Fraser
P3B	Miss Mulvey/Mrs White
P4A	Miss Bowie
P4B	Miss Jessimer
P5A	Miss Taylor
P5B	Mrs Hutchison/Miss Conway
P6A	Mrs MacDonald
P6B	Miss Richardson
P7A	Miss McDonald
P7B	Miss Devine

Support for learning will be provided by Miss Clemente.

Mrs Hunter and Miss Taylor will work with classes throughout the school, providing teachers with Non-Class Contact time.

Our members of support staff this session are Mrs Anderson, Mrs Cameron, Miss Laikowski and Mrs Gibson.

## Structure of the Day

School starts for all children at 8.55am.

This session, P1 children will have morning playtime at 10.00am. All other children will have their morning break at 10.30am.

Lunch times are as follows:

P1-P4 - 12.00-12.45pm

P5-P7 - 12.45pm-1.30pm

Our curriculum in P1 is play based and a lot of time is spent in our outdoor area.

Each afternoon the children enjoy a short break, where the teacher reads a story and the children are encouraged to eat a piece of fruit as a snack.

If your child is in P1, please provide a piece of fruit each day for this purpose.

Children in P2 and beyond do not have a formal break in the afternoons, so there is no need to provide an additional snack.

## Snacks

Please remember that we are a nut free school. Please do not send children to school with foods containing any nut products as we have children in our school community with allergies.

Also, for safety reasons, children should not bring hard boiled sweets or lollipops as a snack.

If children have grapes, please ensure that they have been cut lengthways as this helps prevent the risk of choking.

Fizzy drinks and energy drinks are not allowed in school.

I understand that many parents want their child to have a choice of snack at playtime, however, please avoid giving your child more than one or two items as they only have a twenty-minute break in which to eat their snack and play with friends and some children are becoming overwhelmed when the bell rings to return to class and they still have snacks left.

## End of the Day Procedures

As you know, our children exit the school from three different gates. Please note which gate your child will exit from, as this may be different to last session.

<u>Classes</u>	<u>Gate</u>
P1A, P1b, P2A, P7A, P7b	Teachers will bring children to the gate at the top of the lane.
P2B, P3A, P3B, P4A, P4B	Teachers will bring children out the gate at the side of the dining room and round to the front door. Parents are welcome to stand in the car park area, however please ensure your children do not run through or around the cars.
P5A, P5B, P6A, P6B	Teachers will bring children to the gate on Ladywell Road.

**If you require your child to pick up a sibling and exit from a different gate, please let the class teacher know.**

**Please note, at the end of the day only the parents of P1 children are allowed into the playground.**

### Morning Drop Off

Please do not drop your child at school any earlier than **8.45am** unless they are attending breakfast club. There is no adult presence in the playground until **8.45am**.

Children who attend Breakfast Club should enter the gate at the side of the dining room and walk round the side of the building. Breakfast Club opens at 8.15am

Parents are not allowed to enter the playground in the morning, unless dropping a child at Breakfast Club.

### Diary Dates

#### Meet the Teacher

Parents from **P2-P7** will be offered the opportunity to meet their child's teacher on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>

August. There will be two sessions and parents are welcome to attend either one.

Session 1 - 3.15pm-4.00pm

Session 2 - 5.30pm-6.15pm

You are welcome to bring your child and spend some time with them in class, however please note that teachers will not be giving updates on learning at this time.

#### Face to Face Parent Appointments

There will be two opportunities throughout the session to meet with your child's teacher and discuss their progress.

The dates are as follows:

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Details will follow nearer the time.

#### Holiday Dates

**September 2024** September weekend: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September and Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024 (inclusive)

**October 2024** October week: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024 (inclusive)

**November 2024** In-service day: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November

**December 2024 - January 2024** Schools close: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 2.30pm  
Christmas and New Year holidays: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2024 - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2025 (inclusive)

**February 2025** Mid-term break: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February and Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2025  
In-service day: Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2025

**April 2025** Schools close: Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Spring holiday (Easter): Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2025- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2025 (inclusive)

Easter Monday - schools closed on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2025

## May 2025

### Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025 - holiday

In-service day: Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2025

May weekend: Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025 and Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2025 (inclusive)

**June 2025 Schools Close:** Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at 1pm

### Class Assemblies

Class/Classes	Date
P1A and P1B	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June
P2A	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May
P2b	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February
P3A and P3B	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March
P4A and P4B	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February
P5A and P5b	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March
P6A and P6B	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November
P7A and P7B	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November

Assemblies will begin at 9.30am and last approx. 20 minutes.

### Parking

Please use the drop off area when dropping off or collecting your child from school.

The area around the school is extremely busy at the start and the end of the day.

**We all have to work together to keep all children safe.**

### Data Forms

Please return data forms as soon as possible and if any contact numbers change throughout the session, please remember to let us know.

Please complete the online permission forms. If you require a paper form, please contact the office.

### Absences from school

If your child is going to be absent from school or if you require to collect them early for an appointment, please contact the school office by telephone to let us know.

### Our School Values

Children are encouraged to behave in a way that respects our school values of **Learning, Effort, Achievement, Respect and Nurture**. These values are celebrated at our weekly assemblies and throughout the week in each class.

### Biscuit and Blether

Throughout each term I hold Biscuit and Blether sessions with children, where we gather and enjoy a biscuit and a good old blether! This is for children who have been recognised by their teacher as always displaying our school values.

### Parent Council Meeting/ PTA Meetings.

Please remember that all parents are welcome to join our Parent Council/PTA meetings. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month at 6.30pm for the Parent Council and 7.15pm for the PTA. Our first meetings of the session will be held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

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