

St. Teresa's Primary School

"Doing ordinary things extraordinarily well"



Summer Newslines 2023

Parents / Guardians,

I hope this Newslines finds you and your family well. Remember all future correspondence will be through the school app and our website, (even over the summer months) text service will be discontinued.

New Routines for September 2023

We will be relaxing our one-way system around the school in September 2023, so you will be able to collect your child via either gate at 2pm & 3pm pick up times.

School will start at **9am each morning during the week (not 9.10am)**, in September. School will also **finish at 2pm every Friday** for all children to allow staff time to accommodate scheduled meetings and adequately plan for the week ahead. School will finish at 3pm Monday – Thursday as normal.

Food Allergies / Healthy Break

Can I ask you to adhere to precautions we have in school for children with severe allergies?

If your child has any new allergies over the summer, please notify the school immediately. To date we have 4 children (who require epipens) and can I ask that NO nuts or fish are brought into school at ANYTIME. Thank you for helping us with 'Healthy Breaks' this year as we require our children to bring in water, fruit or vegetables to eat / drink at breaktime. We all can see a remarkable effort made by you recently and the benefits are already showing with our children too!

Classes/Teachers for 2023/24

Primary 1 – Mrs Mulholland

Primary 2 – Miss Lyttle

Primary 3 – Mrs McNeill & Mrs McCann (Wednesday only)

Primary 4 – Mrs Fox/Mrs Loney

Primary 5 – Miss Gilmore

Primary 6 – Mrs Daly

Primary 7 – Mr Barrett

Home School Learning/Online Homework

I know that you will join with me in thanking the teachers and teaching assistants for the quality of work and caring approach which was reflected in activities between home/school this year. Accelerated Reader and Mathletics (and other online platforms) will not be monitored over the summer months but will be back up and running when our children return.

Please encourage your child to revisit targets set out in your child's reports by teachers this year. Encourage your child/ren to read over the summer holidays and if they do not have regular access to books, please visit www.librariesni.org.uk or call into your local library.

Staying Safe

Can I ask you to check where your child is over the summer months? It's a priority to keep all our children safe and well and return safely to school in September. Please be vigilant!!

School Development Plan

Thank you for completing the Parental / Guardian questionnaires. Results will be shared on the school website in due course.

Financial Help!!!!

Thank you to the local business' / companies / families who have contributed to our school during the month of June. These donations will ensure we can continue with some of the programmes / support outlined in the last newslines. But, unfortunately we need about £20,000 more to continue the high quality learning and teaching for your children. All your help / co-operation is appreciated. If you feel you can help in any way, please contact Mr Kearney.

Holidays

2023 / 24 holidays have already been sent out to everyone in your child's report. They can also be found on the school website and school app.

Summer Scheme

We have had a very positive uptake for our St Teresa's Summer Scheme in the school during the weeks of 24th – 28th July and 31st July -4th Aug 2023. There are still a few spaces left – information is on our school app. Come along and enjoy this action packed and safe summer scheme in our own school grounds.

Important Upcoming Return Dates

31/8/23 – 8/9/23 Transition for new Primary 1 children (Information already sent out for this)

31/8/23 – P2-P7 children return to school (settling in Day-9:10-11am) Full uniform/No school bags.

On a personal note, can I thank you for all the warm messages of support for all the staff this year and wish you all a happy and safe summer!!

