



## Dates for Your Diary

1st Oct.- Staff Training Day  
 15th October- Harvest Assemblies KS1 & KS2  
 18th October- Flu Vaccination  
 21st October- Books Go Home Day 1  
 22nd October - Spooky Sponsored Walk  
 25th October- Parent Interviews  
 25th October–1st November (inclusive)  
 Halloween Holidays  
 8th & 9th November—School Photos  
 22nd December ( finish 12 noon)—4th January  
 (inclusive) Christmas Holidays  
 14th - 18th February—Mid Term Break  
 17th & 18th March—St Patrick's Day Break  
 14th April (finish 12 noon ) - 22nd April  
 Easter Break  
 2nd May—Bank Holiday  
 1st—3rd June - Platinum Jubilee Bank Holidays

It's hard to believe how quickly the first month is almost over. We have had a very busy month so far. The children have settled so well and are working really hard. I have been really impressed with the behaviour and good manners displayed. They really are a credit to you all.

## PTFA

We are hoping to recruit new parents to our PTFA. We plan to have our first meeting on Tuesday 5th October at 6pm. Anyone who would like to attend please follow Covid regulations, social distancing and wear a mask. A reminder will be sent out closer to the time.



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**PATHS™**  
The PATHS™ Programme for Schools (UK Version)  
Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies

This year we are delighted to announce that we have started a new programme called PATHS in school. The PATHS programme for Schools empowers all children to develop the fundamental social skills and emotional skills which will enable them to make positive choices throughout life. All our staff are being trained in this and there will also be a training opportunity for Parents later in the school year. So far this has been very successful.

## Break the Rules

Thursday 30th September

You will be  
fined £1.00 for  
every rule you  
break



## Break the Rules Day

The following are the 3 rules that the children are allowed to break.

School Uniform - Come to school in their own clothes £1

Neat Hair—Come to school with messy hair £1

Healthy Snack - Come to school with an unhealthy snack £1

For each rule that the children break they are asked to bring in £1.

If they break all three rules they are asked to donate £3. As always we appreciate your support. All monies raised will go directly to providing a safe path from Brooke Park to our playground.

## USEFUL NUMBERS

CHILDLINE	0800 1111
PARENTING NI	0808 801 0722
ACTION FOR CHILDREN	02871 342286 / 02882 259495
LOCAL HUBS	02871 358787 / 02871 373870
24 HR DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE HELPLINE	0808 802 1414

## School Improvements

The interior of our building has improved so much over the last school year. New external doors and a new security system have been installed. Our boiler house has been completely refurbished at considerable expense.

We are continuing with our programme of dry lining in school. During the summer a further 2 classrooms were dry lined.

A fantastic new canopy has been added to our Nursery which will enable our children to get outdoors more regularly for their learning.

We are also planning a new I.C.T. suite and playroom facility and funding for this project has been approved. Work will commence on this soon. All of these improvements have enhanced the Learning Environment for our children and staff.

### Musical Pathways

Our Nursery & P1 children are enjoying Musical Pathways programme this year. This is a programme that enables children to develop through music and includes stimulating activities, rhymes songs and games



We are hoping to restart our Breakfast Club soon. A letter will be sent out with expressions of interest over the next few weeks.

### Online Learning

Our on line learning Platforms are up and running. Mathletics is being used from P1 to P7 and is a great tool for improving Numeracy. Purple Mash has fun and interactive curriculum based activities which are available to use with your child to support their learning. Passwords are being updated for Google Classroom and SEESAW.



In the event of a child being absent due to Covid, we can supply work on request.

Email request to teacher or office

### French

Madame Prigent is continuing with French classes for P5 - P7. Muinteoir Sara will be starting Irish classes from next week too.

Thank you to everyone for providing a P.E. uniform so promptly. Children are enjoying twice weekly P.E. lessons using our new Primary P.E. Planning Scheme.



### THIS SCHOOL IS A NUT FREE ZONE!

Due to a child having a severe nut allergy we must insist that nuts and snacks containing nuts or peanut butter are strictly forbidden