

# PORTSTEWART PRIMARY SCHOOL and NURSERY UNIT

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Dear parents and carers,

#### BREAKFAST CLUB

We are excited to announce that we will be starting our new Breakfast Club from Monday 12th September. This will operate each morning from 8.15am until 8.45am. Cost is 50p per day per pupil and pupils can enjoy cereal, toast and a drink. We look forward to providing an additional service for our families and an opportunity for our pupils to chat with their friends over a healthy breakfast. On arrival, pupils should go to the canteen via the white door at the back of the Junior playground. <u>All bookings should be made through ParentPay our online booking system.</u> Bookings are now live and parents can book for Monday 12th September and beyond.



# AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

Afterschool clubs will start the week beginning 19th September (with the exception of Glow Club which will start on 3rd October). All afterschool clubs will be live to book on ParentPay from 1pm on Friday 9th September. Have a look at our range of afterschool clubs below. <u>Please use our online booking system to</u> book and pay for all afterschool clubs. Details about the dates and costs for each club is on ParentPay.



## PARENT/CARERS INFORMATION MEETINGS

At the beginning of each school year we are holding a series of class meetings which are aimed at providing you with information about the year ahead. It would be great to have as many parents as possible attend these meetings. Please note that the class meetings are intended for parents and carers. We would, therefore, appreciate your co-operation in making arrangements, as it is possible, for younger children not to attend. Please note there are no meetings for Nursery or Primary 1 parents as you have already attended an induction meeting in June.



#### SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

The start of another school year is an opportune time to remind you of the importance of good attendance and good time keeping. Doors open at 8.45am and school begins at 8.55 a.m. and it is essential that children are in school and ready to begin lessons when class starts. Lateness often means that children miss out on valuable teaching and learning time at the beginning of each school day.

Excellent attendance is crucial if children are to learn, gain a sense of achievement, grow in confidence and maintain friendships. Parents have a crucial role in ensuring their children's attendance is as good as health and circumstances permit. To this end please arrange dental and medical appointments outside school hours when possible, take family holidays outside term time and always inform school if your child is absent due to illness. This should be followed up with a written note when your child returns to school.

This academic year the Education Welfare Service will be working with our school and running attendance clinics once every 6 weeks. Pupils whose attendance is of concern will be invited to attend the attendance clinics.

### HOLIDAYS FOR THIS ACADEMIC YEAR

Please find attached the holiday list for next academic year (2022-2023). We hope that by sharing our school holidays for next academic year this will help parents to plan their own holidays and ensure that all family holidays are taken during school holiday periods.

Yours sincerely,

K. Taylor

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