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## September's Monthly Newsletter



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another exciting academic year at Kirkinriola Primary School. A particular warm welcome to our new families who joined KPS last week and to Miss Kernohan who joined our teaching team this year. We hope that you all found time to enjoy some family fun over the summer and are looking forward to the new adventures that 2019/20 has in store.

Over the next few weeks, you will receive a pack home; including all of the information and permission forms needed at the start of the year. Please complete these as soon as possible and return to school so that your child's files can be updated. We are really looking forward to catching up with you all over the next few weeks. We have the PTA AGM meeting on Monday 16th September at 7pm and I encourage all parents to come along and find out more about the valuable role KPS parents play in making this such a family friendly school.

Mrs E McCaffery

### Dates for September

<b>Monday 2nd</b>	School Opens fully to Pupils	<b>Friday 20th</b>	<b>School Closed (Staff Development Day)</b>
<b>Monday 9th</b>	P1 First Day Photo—B'mena Guardian	<b>Wednesday 25th</b>	Parent Vision
<b>Monday 9th</b>	Swimming starts for P5-7	<b>Thursday 26th</b>	European Day of Languages
<b>Monday 16th</b>	PTA AGM	<b>Friday 27th</b>	NSPCC Workshops & Odd Sock Day
<b>Tuesday 17th</b>	Play Sport NI Sessions begin	<b>TBC</b>	PTA Fun Night



### We are 90 years old!

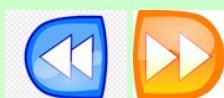
In October we will celebrate the 90th Anniversary of our wonderful wee school.

Therefore our whole school topic this term is called **Rewind & Fast Forwards**. Pupils will

consider changes of the past 90 years and what future generations of our school will look forward to.

Each class will develop it's own focus within this topic, including Transport, Technology and Fashion.

Primary 5-7 are also planning to open up our school on the anniversary as a Museum for the afternoon. Further details on this community event will follow shortly.



### PTA AGM & Family Fun Night—Date to be confirmed



Following the success of last year's event, the PTA are once again planning their annual Family Fun Night. The event will be discussed at the PTA AGM on Monday 16th September.

Traditionally there are inflatables to entertain the kids and food and drinks are provided on the evening. The idea is to bring together the whole Kirkinriola Community and to enable all families to get time to chat together.

Once arrangements are confirmed we will send more details out and it would be great to see everyone there.

The AGM will also see the election of our new committee. Whether you would like to become a post holder or can only offer an hour a year of support, please come along and become part of this amazing team who make such a difference for all our pupils.

## Toastie Tuckshop & Fruit Sharing Plates

Following a review of the Toastie Tuckshop we trialled this week, it has been decided to revert to the arrangements from last year. This means that pupils in Primary 1-4 will still be able to enjoy toast at break time on Toasty Tuesdays and Primary 5-7 pupils will continue to have Toast before swimming on a Monday.



Toast will therefore cost 20p per week and this can be paid for termly, as in previous years.

Fruit sharing plates have been enjoyed by all pupils this week and we would like to thank you for your support in sending this in. **We will continue to trial this so please send in a piece of fruit on Mondays until further notice.**

### Drop off and Pick up Times.

We are currently reviewing our entrance arrangements and I would be grateful for any feedback that any of you have. In the meantime, I would ask all parents to be mindful about closing the blue gates on entry to and exit from the site, as this will help to ensure the safety of all pupils on our site.

P1 Parents please note that throughout the month of September we would encourage you to collect your child at the blue gate next to KEY at 12 o'clock each day. If parents wait in the school car park, this will remove the danger of the road.

All other parents, please remember to park in the allocated areas and leave the gated entrance clear at all times. To enable older pupils to become increasingly independent we would encourage all parents to leave P2 to 7 pupils off at the blue gate in the morning. Any messages for teachers can be communicated through communication diaries or a short note. This will also ensure that teachers are able to use the short playtime before school to complete final preparations for the learning activities they have planned for that morning.

### Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club will continue to run again this year from 8.15am–8.45am. Children will be fully supervised and provided with a healthy breakfast.

We are very pleased to be able to maintain the cost of £1.00 per child, per day.

In order to plan staffing needs and catering requirements in advance we are sending out a form which enables you to notify us of the days your child will attend Breakfast Club.

We cannot guarantee supervision for any children not attending Breakfast Club and they will have to wait outside the school until the bell sounds at 8.45am.

### Transfer Test Applications Registration closes on...

- **Friday 6th September** for any pupils wishing to take the AQE assessment.
- **Friday 20th September at 2pm** for any pupils wishing to be entered for GL Assessment.

### After School Clubs

Mrs Todd's After School Club runs Monday to Thursday from 2-3pm. This facility is for any children who are finishing school at 2pm but who choose to stay in school for a 3pm pick up.

**Primary 2 finish at 2pm Monday to Thursday.**

**Primary 3 finish at 2pm Wednesday & Thursday.**

The cost of After School Club is £2 per child, per day and this should be sent in with dinner sheets on Monday. It is important we know how many children will be attending After School Club in advance to help us maintain the correct adult to child ratios.

### Play SportNI (Starting Tuesday 17th September)

Play SportNI will be returning this year to provide fun, sporty activities after school. It is hoped that they will be able to provide two sessions, P2-4 between 2-3pm and P4-7 between 3pm-4pm. More information about this will be sent out next week.

### Allergy Aware School and Healthy Breaktimes

Kirkinriola operates a 'No Nuts' policy to help protect children who have nut allergies. We are really grateful to all parents for your support with this.

In particular we would encourage parents to avoid:

- chocolate spread
- nutty cereal bars

We also operate a Healthy Break policy and have decided to ask for contributions of fruit to be sent in each Monday to support this. Fruit sharing plates have been very well received pupils and there has certainly been an increase in healthy snack consumed already this year.

We still encourage pupils to bring healthy foods like

- Fruit or Vegetables
- Fruit yoghurts
- Crackers and Cheese
- Sandwiches

and we thank you for your support in providing healthy lunch boxes.

