

# SILVERSTREAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2016

Welcome back to school after the summer. I hope that all our pupils had a safe and happy holiday and that they are prepared to settle down and do their very best over the coming year.

This newsletter contains information about various aspects of your child's school day and school year. Please read it through carefully and keep it for future reference.

*A Moth*

Principal

### THE SCHOOL DAY:

School begins at 9.00 am for all pupils. Children should be punctual for school each day, as being late is distressing for the child and disruptive to the class.

Pupils in P1 will finish at 12 noon until 1<sup>st</sup> October. P1 children should be collected from the side door in the infant playground.

Finishing times for other pupils are as follows:

P2 - P3 classes	1.30 pm
P4 - P7 classes	2.45 pm

*Please note:*

- children in Miss McCluskys P1/2 class and Mrs Logue's P2/3 class should be collected from the small playground by parents;
- children should not come to school before playground supervision begins at 8.50 am;
- on wet mornings children should leave home later so that they arrive in school at 9.00 am.

### A MILE A DAY!

We are starting a new "walk a mile a day" initiative in our school. From Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September anyone wishing to take part should be at the bottom of the school entrance ramp at 8:35 am.

### BREAKFAST CLUB:

The Breakfast Club is held each morning from 8.45 am to 9.00 am and will commence on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September.

- Toast and choice of drink will be 50p.
- Cereal and choice of drink will be 80p.
- Toast, cereal and choice of drink will be £1.00.

We hope you can join us and we look forward to seeing you there.

#### BREAK:

We would like to encourage our children to bring healthy breaks to school and we need your support in this. In order to support this venture the kitchen can supply fresh fruit, yoghurts, sugar free drinks etc and these can be purchased each morning in the assembly hall between 8.50 am and 9.00 am. We request that children bring only one item for break each day.

#### DINNER MONEY:

*PLEASE NOTE: As of September 2015 the Education Authority have raised the cost of a school meal from £2.35 to £2.50 for Primary school children.*

Please ensure that dinner money for the days required is sent to school on Monday mornings only, ie

£2.50 x 2 days = £5.00

£2.50 x 3 days = £7.50

£2.50 x 4 days = £10.00

£2.50 x 5 days = £12.50

Please make sure that the right money is brought to school as change is not always readily available.

#### SCHOOL KITCHEN:

Menus are prepared on a 4-weekly basis and each child will receive a copy.

All dietary requirements, eg vegetarian etc, can be met by the cook. Any child wishing to attend school meals who has any special requirements please let us know.

Juice is available from the kitchen at lunchtime at a cost of 60p per bottle.

Shortbread and scones are again on sale from the kitchen at a cost of £2.16 for a dozen shortbread and £2.40 for  $\frac{1}{2}$  dozen scones.

*PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL KITCHEN*

#### VERY IMPORTANT - MOBILE PHONES:

Many parents have forwarded mobile phone numbers to school as emergency contact numbers for their child(ren). We would ask you to ensure that your mobile phone is switched on during school hours in case such an emergency arises and the school needs to contact you. We would prefer if children do not bring in mobile phones, however if it is essential they must be switched off and kept in school bags for child protection reasons. If your mobile phone number changes during the year please keep us informed.

Thank you for your co-operation.

#### HOLIDAY DATES:

Please keep a note of these dates for your future reference. All dates are inclusive:

- Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2016 (we return on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November);

#### SCHOOL FUND:

As it is the beginning of the school year we would welcome your contributions to the school fund. This usually takes the form of a £5.00 donation per family. This money is spent directly on the children for special equipment, subsidising trips, prizes throughout the year and sports plaques. Your support is greatly appreciated.

#### PE KIT:

All children must wear full PE kit (ie shorts, tee-shirt and gym shoes) for PE lessons. Kit may be kept in a bag, hung on a hook in school, and then taken home periodically for washing. All items of clothing should be clearly marked with your child's name.

#### UNIFORMS:

It was lovely to see that all children have started school in uniform, this greatly helps in promoting our school. It is part of our school policy that the children should wear uniform so please continue to support us in this way. Parents should also ensure that all items of clothing have their child's name on them.

#### SCHOOL ABSENCES:

If your child is absent from school we would ask you to send in a note on the day of their return giving full details of the reason for their absence.

If your child has an appointment during school hours you must send in a note to their teacher prior to the appointment.

#### BUSHMILLS TRIP:

The trip to Bushmills Education Centre has been arranged from 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017. Full details to follow.

#### FIRST AID:

If a child falls or sustains a minor injury in school Mrs Tweedie or Mrs O'Rawe will give first aid using the following dressings as appropriate:

- . Stereopore
- . Stereoplast
- . Melolin
- . Examination gloves containing latex
- . Plasters

If your child is allergic to any of the above products you must inform the school immediately. Any wound will be cleaned using sterile gauze and water only. Should it not be possible to adequately clean a wound in this way parents will be informed.

If a more serious injury is suspected parents will be contacted. An ambulance will be called if it is thought necessary. However, incidents of this nature rarely ever happen in school.