

KPS Update

Welcome to our monthly newsletter- helping to keep us all connected!

October 2021

Killylea Primary School

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# A new month

Welcome to October! The weather is certainly letting us know Autumn has arrived. Little did we know that our school year would begin so disrupted with 21 positive cases across the school. However, things have settled as far as Covid-19 is concerned but the colds and tummy bugs have reappeared! Please always consider the current guidance if your child is unwell and consider if a PCR test is needed ie high temperature or cough.

Small School . . . BIG Opportunities!

# Afterschool Clubs

Our afterschool clubs are a huge success with a good range of choice! Club availability has been extended for some year groups - please check below. Remember if your child receives Free School Meals they may choose ONE activity per week at no charge.

PLEASE NOTE THAT FROM 1ST NOVEMBER WE WILL BE FINISHING CHATTERBOX AT 4PM DUE TO LOW NUMBERS. WE APOLOGISE FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE BUT OUR CLUBS HAVE TO BE FINANCIALLY SUSTAINABLE.

Each week the following will operate:

* Breakfast Club 8am - 8.40am [P1-7]
* Stay Late [P1-3]: 2-3pm
* Chatterbox [P1-7]: 3-4pm Range of activities including snack
* Chatterbox [P1-7]: 4- 5pm Homework supervision

September - October 2021 Clubs

* Monday: Healthy Kids 2-3pm [P1/3], 3-4pm [P4-7]
* Tuesday: Outdoor Detectives 2-3pm [P3],3-4pm [P5-7]
* Wednesday: Little Cooks 2-3pm [P2/3], Big Cooks 3-4pm [P4/5]

 Brainboxes 3-4pm [P7]

* Thursday: Football 2-3pm [P1/3], 3-4pm [P4-7]
* Friday: Woodland Club 2-3pm [P1]

November - December

Look out for Movie Club, Crafty Hands, Wizkids [see website for dates and classes]

# Dates and Holidays

Dates for your Diary:

* Monday 11th October: Whole School Flu vaccine [sniff up nose!]
* Wednesday 13th October - P1 Autumn Activity Day [1 adult invited -outdoor activities]
* Mon 25th - Wed 27th: ALL PUPILS HOME AT 2PM for Parent- Teacher Meetings via phone-call
* Tuesday 26th Oct: Wellbeing Trip to Gosford P1-7
* Thursday 28th October - Wednesday 3rd November: Halloween Break

# Appointment of Posts

Congratulations to the following post-holders:

ECO COUNCIL:

P4: Alfie Dougan and Rebecca Cather

P5: Ellie-Mae Bruce and Daniel Nesbitt

P6: Jacob Maguinness and Nathan Hall

P7: Jack Robinson, Maria Murray and Josh Anderson

SCHOOL COUNCIL:

P4: Alex Hutchinson and Jack Brown

P5: Emily Maguire and Bella Gillespie

P6: Peter Cather and Samuel Gillespie

P7: Milly-May Linton and Charlie Gardiner

HOUSE CAPTAINS AND VICE CAPTAINS:

Drumsallen [yellow]: Emily Nesbitt and Harry Thompson

Lisagally [blue]: Ellie Rose and Maxwell Da Silva

Cormeen [red]: Benjamin Rose and Mate Domokos

Lisdrummard [green]: Thomas Gillanders and Joshua McAree

Thank you to all our pupils who put their names forward for consideration.

# School Reminders

School Uniform

Please check that all items of clothing and belongings have your child's name clearly displayed. Our Lost Property is working well with a remarked reduction in the items left behind. Remember that Lost Property is only open each morning between 8.40am and 9am. Pupils should speak to Mrs Atkins and pay a 20p fine which will go to charity.

Reminder:

* all long hair should be tied back every day with bobbles in school colours only.
* if your child wears trainers with laces, then they MUST be able to tie them, else they should wear velcro trainers.

Attendance

School begins at 9am. Therefore, your child should be in school before this time, ready to join in our daily mile - Huff and Puff. This is an integral part of our school day and helps pupils settle quickly to work.

School Fund

Thank you for prompt payment of our school fund. This year this will be used to pay for hockey sessions for each pupil and is also covering the cost of our outing to Gosford.

Homework

While homework has changed with the use of Seesaw, we would still ask that parents check that these are being completed especially with older children. You may be asked to upload a particular homework and we would ask that you do this on the night requested due to changes in staff during the week so that workload is evenly spread. Staff are requested not to respond to Seesaw messages after school hours although they may do so if they wish.

Contacting the School

We have several ways to contact parents - phone, email and Seesaw. Our secretary Mrs Maguinness is in the office each morning from 9-12noon.

Parents should NOT use Facebook messenger or personally message staff - messages sent this way will not be responded to.