



March

Newsletter

Back to school!

We were delighted to have P1/2/3 return to face-to-face teaching on Monday 8th March and it is great to welcome P4-7 back on Monday 22nd March. I would like to say well done to all pupils for their level of engagement on Seesaw - it has been an unusual time for us all, but pupils and parents are to be commended for their efforts with online learning.

Farewell and thank you

Unfortunately, we are saying farewell next week to Mrs Saavedra. Mrs Saavedra joined the staff here in Milltown this school year as classroom assistant and lunchtime supervisor to P4/5. She has also helped with supervised learning of key worker pupils. Mrs Saavedra has shown a gentle, caring manner with all the pupils and will be missed amongst us. We wish you well Mrs Saavedra on your upcoming adventure!

Welcome

We would like to welcome Mr Robinson to Milltown Primary. He is currently on placement from Stranmillis University College with our P1/2/3 class. He will also be working with our P6/7 class after Easter.

New Website

We are pleased to formally announce our new website. The website address is the same - log on at www.milltownprimarieschool.co.uk Please check the website regularly. The calendar feature on the home page can be used as a quick reminder of school dates and events. All new content will feature in the 'Latest News' section on the home page so you do not miss out on any new additions. We will be building the content of the website over this term, so look out for a few familiar faces on the class pages!

School Meals

School meals will resume for all pupils on Monday 22nd March. The menu for next week is available on our school website under the 'Parents' section. Please send in money, in a clearly labelled envelope, every Monday, for



school meals. All pupils who are entitled to Free School Meals will be able to receive them from Monday 22nd onwards - no payment is now necessary for those who were bringing in money for meals due to the voucher scheme.

Plans for School Return

Pupils should arrive between 8:40 and 9am. Arrival and exit points will be the same as in Term 1:

P1/2/3 - door leading to the cloakroom
P4/5 - door at back of classroom
P6/7 - main entrance

All collection times will resume to the previous arrangement:

P1 - 1:05pm from classroom door at back of school
P2/3 - 1:45pm
P4 and older siblings - 2:25pm
P5 and older siblings - 2:35pm
P6/7 - 2:45pm

Class Bubbles

All pupils will return to the class bubble arrangement where pupils will learn, play and eat within their bubble.

Resources

Could pupils bring back all books and school materials which were loaned for use during Home Learning. Pupils should also bring back their pencil case if it was taken home.

Health and Safety

All Covid-19 health and safety procedures will continue. Could pupils bring in the following:

P1/2/3 - liquid soap
P4/5 - liquid soap, tissues and wipes
P6/7 - liquid soap and wipes

We remain mindful of the continuing risk of Covid-19. Hand washing will continue as a regular occurrence throughout the day and the use of resources will be closely monitored to ensure resources are sanitised and/or quarantined.



It is essential that our pupils still engage in Outdoor Learning and P.E. These lessons play an important role in ensuring pupil physical health and mental wellbeing. Prior and after these lessons, all pupils' hands are washed and equipment sanitised. These measures ensure the highest levels of sanitation while allowing our pupils to still engage in these important and fun activities.

Thank You

Thank you to all parents/guardians for supporting us in these safety measures. We appreciate the way you have socially distanced within the grounds and wear a face covering when on site.

Thank you for staying alert to the possible symptoms of Covid-19. As a reminder the symptoms are:

- A new, continuous cough
- A high temperature/fever
- A loss or change of taste or smell



If your child displays any of these symptoms, please keep them at home and follow the guidance which you have already received.

If any family needs to contact the school during evenings and weekends about a confirmed case of Covid-19, please use the email address hwright575@c2ken.net. Please note that only Covid-19 emergencies will be dealt with out of school hours.

Contact with School

Please remember that as a staff, we are here to support you. If you wish to speak to myself or any of the teachers, please telephone the office and an arrangement can be made.



Easter Holiday

School will be closed for Easter on Monday 29th March. This will be a non-uniform day.



P1/2/3 and older siblings should be collected at 11:45am and P4-7 at 12 noon.

School will reopen on Tuesday 13th April.

Kind regards,
Mrs Wright
Principal