



October /November

Newsletter

Congratulations!

We are delighted to let you know that Mrs Henry, who taught P1/2/3 last year, has had a baby boy. We wish both Mr and Mrs Henry our congratulations on the birth of little Bobby.



Staffing Changes

There have been a few changes within the Milltown staff:

Mrs Hanvey continues to teach P1/2/3 and is assisted by Mrs Hazley and Ms Hilditch.

Mrs Wilson and Mrs Johnston continue to teach P4/5. I would like to welcome Ms Saavedra to P4/5 as their classroom assistant and lunchtime supervisor. Ms Saavedra, you are very welcome to Milltown!

P6/7 continue to be taught by Mrs Somerville and myself, assisted by Mrs Ferguson.

From Monday 2nd November P1/2/3 will be taught by Miss Liggett every Monday. Miss Liggett has been teaching before within Milltown PS and we would like to welcome her back on a regular basis. Mrs Hanvey will continue to teach the class Tuesday - Friday.

School Fund

I would like to thank you all for your contribution to School Fund this year. Your support is greatly appreciated.

School Closure

As you will have heard in the media, Monday 19th - Friday 23rd October has been designated for school closure due to levels of Covid- 19. This time has been deemed an extended holiday with all schools informed that it is not for remote teaching and learning. Payments for Free School meals will be made to families during this time.

Half-term Holiday

School will be closed from Monday 26th October until Friday 30th inclusive. We will reopen on Monday 2nd November.

School Meals

Thank you for following our procedures regarding payment of school dinners. We appreciate all

money being paid each Monday. Continue to ensure that your envelope is clearly labelled with the amount of money enclosed and the days which have been selected for dinner. We would kindly ask that members of a family in different class bubbles hand in their money separately.

Free School Meals

Could I encourage any family who may be entitled to Free School Meals to apply via the Education Authority website at www.eani.org.uk and select Free School Meals. This application has benefits for both your family and the school. If you would like any further guidance on this, please phone the school office and we will be happy to advise.

OurSchoolsApp

Please ensure you have downloaded the OurSchoolsApp so you are fully aware of all school announcements.

Seesaw

A separate letter has been given out explaining how to access the Seesaw app. Please download the 'Parent and Family App' at your earliest opportunity. If any of you require further support, please telephone school and we will assist you.

Shoebbox Appeal

As in previous years, Milltown Primary is supporting the Samaritan's Purse shoebox appeal. Some foldable boxes are available from school. These will be placed outside the front door of the school on Friday 16th October. Please help yourself to a box on a first come, first served basis. Alternatively, you can use your own shoebox. Filled shoeboxes should be returned to school on Tuesday 3rd November. A container will be set at the front entrance of the school. Please place your shoebox there.

Another option available to use this year is to log on to www.samaritans-purse.org.uk and select Shoebox Online. This will allow you to select items for your box, have it packed and pay for it. This online option needs to be completed by mid-November.

Parent/teacher Meetings

Our parent/teacher meetings will be conducted differently this year due to the current restrictions. Interviews will take place via telephone on the afternoons of 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th November. Pupils will remain in school for lunch/dinner. P1-3 pupils and older siblings will finish at 1pm, and P4-7 will finish at 1:10pm on Tues 17th - Friday 20th November. Further details will follow.



Procedures

Thank you for continuing to be vigilant in social distancing within the school grounds and 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.



Kind regards,
Mrs Wright
Principal