

**St. Colmcille's Primary School**

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Dear Parents,

The children have enjoyed their first full week back at school and are settling into the routines of school life. We especially enjoyed meeting our Year 1 pupils and look forward to watching them grow during their time in St. Colmcille’s.

**Covid Update**

Pupils who test positive for Covid or who are displaying Covid symptoms are advised to stay at home for **3 days** after the day of the test (day zero) or the day the symptoms start. If your child is still experiencing symptoms after this isolation period, please do not send them in to school.

**Curriculum Content**

Please find attached an informative booklet outlining the curriculum content in the different learning areas for each year group for Term 1a.

**Allergy Aware School**

There are a number of children in school who have severe food allergies. **These children may suffer a potentially life-threatening reaction on exposure to nuts or other foods**. In order to manage the risk of an allergic reaction we ask for your co-operation. We request that children **do not bring nuts or food containing nuts into school**.

**Term 1 Milk Orders**

If you would like your child to have a third carton of milk every day, please pay the £10 fee on Parentmail before Wednesday 21st September **(1st Oct-14th Dec)**. Late payments won't be accepted. **Click on Payments> Milk for Term 1>** Add to cart and enter payment details. Once payment is taken the order is complete.

**Disabled Parking Bays**

The disabled parking spaces should only be used by those with the appropriate permit. I appreciate your co-operation with this matter.

**Dogs**

Please note dogs are **not permitted** on school premises with the exception of registered service dogs.

**Name Labels**

Please make sure your child’s name is written on their jumper, coat, water bottle and lunch box. This will ensure that items can be returned to the child when found.

**Coats**

Please ensure your child brings a coat with them to school each day as we will be doing our best to ensure that they have some period of outdoor playtime.

**Break**

We are a Health Promoting School and operate a Healthy Break Policy. Children are encouraged to eat fruit, vegetables or bread-based products at break time; and drink either milk or water. Please note that this policy only refers to the snack at break time. The school is not regulating what you as a parent choose for your child to eat at lunch time.

**PTA**

The PTA Annual General Meeting will take place on **Monday 26th September** at **6.00pm** in the school. The PTA is a vital organ of the school providing much needed funds to purchase resources for the children. The committee is a very small, hard-working group of parents and teachers who work continuously to organise fund-raising initiatives. I encourage parents, particularly those who are ‘new’ to the school, to come along to the meeting to support the PTA. If you have ideas of how the PTA could raise funds, or ideas of what fund-raising projects the committee could work towards the AGM is an opportunity for you to present these.

**PE Timetable**

Please note the days that your child’s class will have P.E. Yr1 and 2 will not be changing their uniform for P.E. Yrs 3-7 should wear their P.E. kit to school on their designated P.E. days. P.E. kit consists of black/navy tracksuit bottoms, plain white t-shirt, school jumper and a pair of trainers.

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| **Class** | **PE Days** |
| Y1 Miss Cunningham | Monday and Thursday |
| Y1 Mrs Tally/Mrs McGuigan | Tuesday and Thursday |
| Y1 Miss Quinn | Tuesday and Wednesday |
| Y2 Miss Donnelly | Monday and Tuesday |
| Y2 Mrs McGuigan/Mrs McMullan | Tuesday and Wednesday |
| Y2 Miss Stewart | Tuesday and Thursday |
| Y3 Mrs Dougan | Wednesday and Thursday |
| Y3 Mrs Smith | Monday and Wednesday |
| Y4 Miss Carlin/Mrs Cronin | Monday and Thursday |
| Y4 Miss Kelly | Tuesday and Wednesday |
| Y4 Miss McAleenan | Tuesday and Thursday |
| Y5 Mr Murray | Tuesday and Wednesday |
| Y5 Miss O’Kane | Monday and Tuesday |
| Y6 Mrs Kane/Mrs McAleer | Tuesday and Wednesday |
| Y6 Miss McKinley | Monday and Wednesday |
| Y7 Mr Duffin | Thursday and Friday |
| Y7 Mrs Kelly/Mrs Halloran | Monday and Friday |

**Dates for The Diary**

International Week Monday 26th September – Friday 30th September

Year 7 Parent Meetings Monday 3rd October – Friday 7th October

Maths Week Monday 17th October – Friday 21st October

Year 1-6 Parent Meetings Monday 17th October – Friday 21st October

Half Term Finishes Friday 28th October (half day)

Hallowe’en Holidays Monday 31st October – Friday 4th November

Yours sincerely

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Mr H Walls

Principal