



30th August 2016

Dear Parents

Welcome back to Loughries Integrated Primary School, it is great to see you all and I hope you had a great summer break.

Having said goodbye to Mrs Gordon at the end of last term we are welcoming Mrs Bourne back to teach P7 one day/week. Mrs Bourne knows the school and pupils well and it is great to have her. Teaching staff will otherwise remain unchanged.

Teaching Staffing is as follows:

P1/2	Miss Miller
P3/4	Mrs Cooke/Mrs Bowers
P5/6	Miss Campbell
P7	Mrs Thompson & Mrs Bourne
Special Needs:	Mrs Rea
Classroom Ass.	Mrs Rea, Miss Eccles, Mrs Edge

Normal school hours will recommence tomorrow (Wednesday) but pupils will need a packed lunch. Dinners will recommence on Thursday 1st September.

School Dinners: Dinners will recommence on Thursday 1st September (Cost to remain at £2.50). Orders for the week ahead must be purchased on Monday morning along with correct payment, in a named envelope along with the number of days required. Please make cheques payable to "Education Authority South Eastern Region."

Breakfast Club: Breakfast Club will recommence on Monday 5th September at 8.15 am at a cost of £1.50/day. Please note that school is unsupervised until that time and for your child's safety they should not arrive until then. If your child is not at Breakfast Club then they should not be dropped off at school until 8.45.

Milk: Milk will commence on 19th September, at a cost of 20 pence/day. Payment slips to follow.

Leisure Centre: Leisure Centre will commence on Wednesday 7th September for P3/4, and Friday 9th September for P5/6 & 7 and this will remain £4.00/session. Payment slips to follow.

School Fund: We are asking for a contribution of £10/child or £15/family. Payment slips to follow.

Payments: Payments by cheque for any of the above should be made out to "Loughries Integrated Primary School". Payments for school dinners should be made to "Education Authority South Eastern Region". Thank you.

After School Clubs: Details to follow.

Monkeynastix: Permission/payment slips will be sent home separately.

PE Uniform: We are asking that all our pupils purchase a PE uniform to consist of: White polo shirt with school logo, plain black jogging bottoms (not tracksuit bottoms) and black or white trainers/PE gutties.

Early Diary Dates:

Fri 30th Sept: Official Integrated Opening (12 noon finish)

Sat 1st Oct: "Fun Day" – 1.00-4.00 pm

Holiday Dates & Term Times 2016-17: Please see separate sheet.

There are a number of forms attached that we would like you to complete and return to school as soon as possible:

Records Update: It is important that our contact details are correct. Please check & amend the enclosed data collection sheet. If you change address or phone number during the year please inform the school office. Please ensure that there is one current mobile number provided for our Texting Service.

Medicine Administration Form: If your child is ill they should remain at home. If they are well enough to attend school but need to take medicine please fill in an "Administration of Medicine" form and give to either Mrs Thompson or Mrs Rea. Please note medicines cannot be administered without this consent.

Intimate Care Policy: In the event of any child requiring a change of clothes due to sickness, toileting accidents etc, it is the policy of the school to act immediately to address the child's discomfort. It is necessary to seek your written permission for this to take place and we would ask you to complete the enclosed permission slip "Intimate Care".

Internet & Photographic Permission: Please complete.

Walking to Ards Evangelical Church Permission: Please complete.

There are some other changes to this year that we need to update you on:

Changes to Integration: As from today we will be known as "Loughries Integrated Primary School".

New Email Address: Our new email address will be info@loughriesips.newtownards.ni.sch.uk

Website: Our new Website and new address can be found at www.loughriesips.com . Please check our site regularly and sign up to the "subscribe" option where you can download our App and receive regular e-mails from us, keeping you up-to-date with what is going on at school.

School Signage: New school signage will appear over the next couple of weeks – so keep an eye out for that too!

Many Thanks.

Mrs J Thompson
Principal