

St.MacNissi's Primary School Newsletter



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I hope that you have enjoyed a wonderful summer and are ready for the new school year ahead and all that it will bring. Your teachers have been busy organising your classrooms and preparing for your return – it is all very exciting!

A special welcome to our new Primary One children and to our new members of staff, Mrs Mary Carmichael and Miss Chloe Nevin.

We look forward to helping them settle in and introducing them to school life here at St MacNissi's.

We can't wait to see you all again soon!

There will be many updates over the next few days / weeks so please check your emails regularly and inform the school office if you have any problems receiving school related emails. Please continue to check your junk email – our new school secretary will be sending emails from mcarmichael549.

Uniform

Girls' Uniform

- Green skirt, pinafore or grey trousers
- White blouse/Polo shirt with school crest
- School tie (if shirt is worn)
- Green school sweatshirt / cardigan
- Black School Shoes**

Boys' Uniform

- Grey trousers
- White shirt/Polo shirt with school crest
- School tie (if shirt is worn)
- Green school sweatshirt
- Black School Shoes**

PE Uniform

- White polo shirt (school)
- Plain dark blue or black shorts / jogging/track suit bottoms/leggings
- Trainers
- *School jumper must be worn

All parents will receive further information from class teachers with details of the class timetable including PE days.

On PE days children should ensure that ONLY the PE uniform outlined above is worn.

*Please be reminded that trainers are only permitted on PE days (to be sent in in a bag) and are not part of our school uniform.

Stationery

The following stationery items are required in each Key Stage;

Foundation (P1 and P2) – no pencil cases required.

Key Stage 1 – pencils / rubber / colouring pencils (no markers), sharpener, glue stick

Key Stage 2 - pencils / rubber / colouring pencils (no markers), sharpener, compass, ruler, glue stick

Drop off and collection times

Classroom doors will be open between 8:50am and 9:00am each morning. Children should not be on school premises prior to this unless they are attending breakfast club. Late arrivals after these times should come through the main front door.

We ask that all adults please refrain from entering the school grounds / playground any earlier than five minutes before pick up time to ensure that child protection and safeguarding guidelines are being followed. Please remember that this is still school time and children may be out on the playground. Their safety is our priority.

Primary 1 (after induction period)	- 8:50/9:00am – 2:00pm
Primary 2	- 8:50/9:00am – 2:00pm
Primary 3	- 8:50/9:00am – 2:50pm (children will be brought up to the gate leading to the church)
Primary 4	- 8:50/9:00am – 3:00pm
Primary 5	- 8:50/9:00am – 3:00pm
Primary 6	- 8:50/9:00am – 3:00pm
Primary 7	- 8:50/9:00am – 3:00pm

Pay 360

Pay360 will continue to be used for dinner payments. We will also use this system for swimming, some clubs and various other things throughout the year.

Please pay during the designated time for the week ahead (Friday 1 pm – Monday 9 am).

***For next week only the system will be open from Friday 26th August at 1pm until Wednesday 31st August at 9am.**

Please check that you still have access to your Pay360 account.

Primary One parents will receive further guidance about this.

After school clubs

After school clubs will begin on Monday 12th September. An email with sign up details will follow.

Our After School clubs this term include:

- Football skills
- Junglenastix
- Uplift Performing Arts
- MAX Coding ICT
- Nature, Garden and Art Club

Parent teacher meetings

As a result of review we have taken the decision to move the parent teacher meetings from October to February in order to provide a fuller picture of your child's progress. We will be adding a pastoral phone call in October and more details regarding this will follow.

Breakfast club

Breakfast Club will return on Monday 5th September and will be on a pay as you go basis. The cost is £2 per day and the club will run from 8am – 8:50am. You can pay your weekly breakfast club payment at the beginning of the week however you must sign your child in as you drop them off each day.

Cash payments only for breakfast club.

Data collection reminder

It is extremely important that you view, edit as necessary, and return the data collection forms that will be sent home with your child on their first day back. We require these back by Friday 2nd September and appreciate your cooperation with this.

Permissions

The link to the permissions form will be sent via email. Please follow this link and sign and date each section online as you complete the form.

School photographer

The school photographer will be in the school on Tuesday 20th September. Booking / consent forms will be sent home along with the data collection sheets.

School website

Our school website is currently undergoing restructuring and redesign. We will shortly be sending out information about the SchoolsNI app which is linked to this and will provide an additional means of communication between home and school.

Nut Allergies

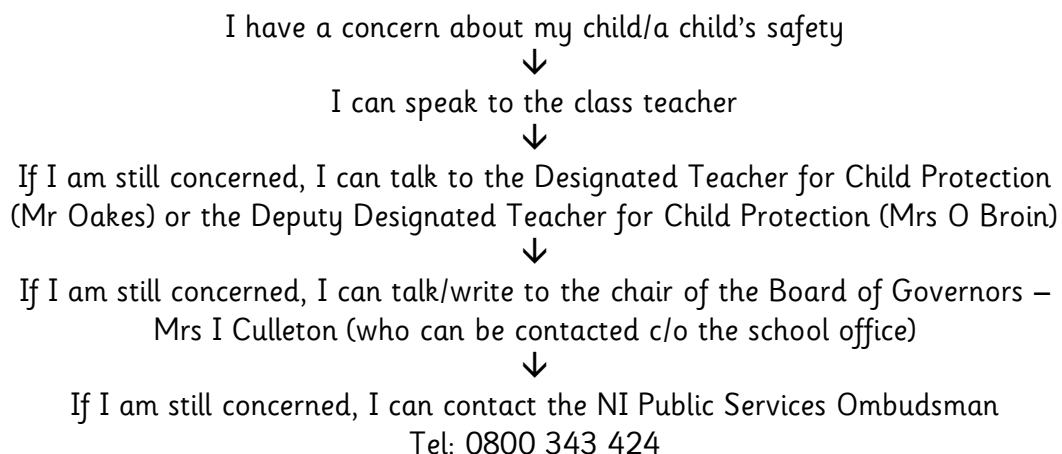
We have several children in school who suffer from nut and other allergies. It is important that there is strict avoidance to this food group in order to prevent a life-threatening allergic reaction. Consequently, we must ask that you do not send nuts or nut products into school (either for healthy break or packed lunch). This includes peanut paste, Nutella, all nuts and cooking oil containing peanut oil, as well as foods containing nuts such as cereals and muesli bars. This is particularly relevant now that children are eating lunches in their classrooms. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Child Protection and Safeguarding

Should you have concerns about your own or another child inside or outside of school, this should be reported in the first instance to Mr Oakes (DT) or in his absence Mrs O Broin (DDT).

If you have immediate concerns outside school time (weekends, holidays, evenings) do not hesitate to call the Referral Gateway Team on **0300 1234 333** or **028 9442 4459** or the PSNI Central Referral Unit on **028 9025 9299** or **101 Ext 30299**.

In St. MacNissi's, we aim to work closely with parents/guardians in supporting all aspects of their child's development and well-being. Any concerns a parent may have will be taken seriously and dealt with in a professional and confidential manner. Should you have a safeguarding concern, please follow the steps below.



September



Wednesday 31st August - Return to school for all – 12pm finish (please send a packed lunch)

Monday 5th September – Breakfast Club begins

Monday 12th September – After School Clubs begin

Tuesday 20th September – School photographer visit

Friday 23rd September – Beginning of Term Mass (parents welcome to watch online)

Friday 30th September – Staff Development Day (no pupils)

October



Monday 10th / Tuesday 11th October - Settling in updates (phonecall times will be allocated)

Monday 10th October – Scholastic Book Fair arrives


Wednesday 26th October – Flu Vaccinations

Friday 28th October – Halloween Fancy Dress – 12pm finish

Monday 31st October – Friday 4th November - Halloween Break

*Please note that parent / teacher meetings will be held in February 2023.

Dinner Menu

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			31 st August	1 st September	2 nd September
Week 1	School closed	School closed	No school dinners (please send a packed lunch) School closes at 12:30pm	Breast of chicken curry with boiled rice and naan bread or BBQ chicken panini Tossed salad and Coleslaw Garden peas Chocolate and pear sponge with custard	Fish fingers Or Burger in a bap Tossed salad Baked beans Chipped potato / baked potato Fresh fruit selection Yoghurts
	5 th September	6 th September	7 th September	8 th September	9 th September
Week 2	Oven baked sausages Or Homemade chilli chicken Savoury noodles Baked beans / tossed salad Mashed potato Arctic roll with sliced peaches	Breaded fish fillets Or Lasagne and crusty bread Sweetcorn and peas / Asian slaw Mashed potato Pineapple chunks Frozen yoghurt	Roast breast of chicken Or Salmon tails Traditional stuffing/gravy Savoy cabbage/diced carrots Oven dry roast and mashed potato Chocolate brownie with raspberry milkshake	Breast of chicken curry with boiled rice and naan bread or Chicken and cheese panini Garden peas Baked potato Tossed salad Apple sponge with custard	Steak burger and bap Or French bread pizza Chipped potato / baked potato Tossed salad Coleslaw Flakemeal biscuit and fruit chunks