



Mallusk Integrated Primary School

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SCHOOL FUND & 50P FRIDAY

As budget cuts reduce the number of materials we can purchase, we now rely heavily on School Fund to provide essential items for the children. The suggested school fund donation is £12 per child or £20 per family *per term*. While this is an *entirely voluntary* contribution we would ask you to strongly consider making a donation for the benefit of all the children.

We also collect 50p's each Friday, as this makes a valuable contribution to school fund too. Please endeavour to support '50p Friday' each week to add to this fund. Thank you for your support.

MUSIC TUTORING

Miss Ogilby will continue to offer clarinet & flute P4-7. Please let us know in writing/ by email if you are interested in availing of these lessons. Each lesson costs £8. We have one flute, provided by the PTA which can be hired, or instruments may be hired/ purchased at Matchett's. The music book 'Abracadabra' (for either flute or clarinet) should be purchased to use in the lessons. She will be starting lessons next Thursday (12th). Please let me know if you are interested.

P1 LITERACY WORKSHOP

There will be a P1 Literacy workshop on Tuesday 1st October 4:30pm- 5:15pm. It will inform parents about how we teach reading and will give suggestions on how parents can support their child's learning in Literacy, focussing on phonics and reading skills. Please let me know by email if you'd like to attend.

P6 PARENTS MEETING

There will be a short information session for P6 parents on Friday 18th October from 2:30pm- 3pm. It will cover information about the transfer test and the process for choosing a post primary school. We hope all P6 parents will be able to attend. The following link will take you to a guide on the Department of Education website for your information:

<https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/publications/advice-parents-children-primary-6>

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION - Penance, First Communion, Confirmation

If you wish your child to take their first sacraments, you need to register now with St Mary's on the Hill Parish Office, St Bernard's Church, 165 Antrim Road, Newtownabbey, BT36 7QR. Pick up or request by email a registration form and return it as soon as possible. Information will follow about when classes commence.

Parish Office 90832979 stmarysoth@downandconnor.org. (Office Hours 9am-2pm Monday to Friday.)

PARKING

Please **DO NOT** park on the pavement. Children's safety is paramount. If there is no room in the car park, remember you can use the Academy Club car park.

ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance offers your child every opportunity to reach his/ her potential. It helps to build confidence and develops new skills. Research shows that irregular and poor attendance will adversely affect your child's progress. While we realise that some illnesses mean children cannot attend school, holidays and absence for sniffles and minor ailments should be carefully considered.

We are required to refer children to the Education Welfare Service when their attendance rate drops below 85%. Some of you will receive letters of concern from the school if your child's rate of attendance is close to this or below it during the year.

I have attached a copy of the 'Attendance Matters' leaflet from the Education Department. Please refer to our Attendance Policy (available in hard copy from the office or on the school website in the 'Parents' section).

I am sending home some 'Absence Notes' for you to keep and send in when your child has been off school. Please remember to contact school on the first day of absence. Thank you for helping us to provide your child with the best possible educational opportunities.

Kind regards
Susanne Kinsella