



CPS News

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5th September 2017

WELCOME BACK!



Welcome back after the summer break! I hope everyone had a great summer holiday and the children are refreshed and looking forward to the new term. I am looking forward to getting to know all of our new pupils over the coming weeks. The children look very smart in their new uniforms and the staff and I look forward to your co-operation in maintaining this high standard. Please remember to label all of your child's belongings.



The school has a Facebook page to help keep you informed of what is happening in the school on a regular basis. This has been set up as a closed group so that members only can see the content of the posts and any photographs. Please request to join Carrickfergus Central PS and I will be happy to add you to the group.

Your permission will be sought before any pictures of your child/children are added to the school Facebook page.

School Office



Mrs Curley will be working each morning during term time until **noon**. If you need to let us know about afternoon appointments or travel arrangements, please do so with a written note. If you contact the Office in the afternoon, we will do our best to process your message as quickly and as carefully as possible.

Curriculum Meetings Tuesday 19th September 2-3pm

A curriculum meeting has been organised in September to allow you to meet your child's teacher and to provide an opportunity for the teacher to explain class work and ways you can help your child at home. Each meeting should last approximately 20 minutes and will be held in your child's classroom. Further details will be sent out closer to the time.

Coffee Morning

We will be holding a coffee morning for the NI Hospice on 3rd October from 9.00 - 11.30am. Please put this date in your diary now and come along for a morning's craic!! Bring a friend. The whole community is welcome!



School Meals

The cost of a school meal is £2.60 or £13.00 a week. Orders for dinners must be made on the **first day** of the school week at 9.00am. A menu is available to plan the day your child will attend the canteen. Please forward the correct money each time you order.

We have money pouches for sale which are very useful to send cash for dinner, bus, book club, etc. These are available from the school Office at the cost of £2.50 for a year's supply.

I would like to orderpacks of money pouches at £2.50 each. I have enclosed
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Signed

Date:.....

Child's name:.....

Class:.....



School Bus

May I remind all pupils using the school bus that their behaviour travelling to and from school must be of the highest standard for the safety of all those using the bus service. Please be available to meet your child off the 2.00pm bus, otherwise they

will be returned to school by the driver. The bus fare is 80p.

Weekly Newsletter

A newsletter will be sent home each Tuesday to keep you informed about planned activities in school. However, it is sometimes necessary to send home other notes during the week which contain essential information. Could I please strongly encourage you to make a **daily** check of your child's schoolbag for additional information sent from the class teacher or myself. Your help in this matter would be greatly appreciated. The newsletter will continue to be available on the school's web site.

Pastoral Care

If you have any issues to do with the Pastoral dimension of the school, please share these with Mrs Lowry, who is the Designated Teacher for Child Protection or Mrs Hall, the Deputy Designated Teacher.

PTA Meeting

The first PTA meeting of the year will be held on **Monday 11th September at 7.00pm**. New members are very welcome.

All monies raised by the PTA are used to support and enhance the children's learning so please come along and give us your support.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY TERM 1

Central Primary School is a busy place and already staff have set dates for this term as follows:

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 11th September 7.00pm - PTA Meeting.

Tuesday 19th September 2.00-3.00pm - Curriculum information afternoon for parents.

Friday 29th September—School Closed for Staff Training

Tuesday 3rd October 9.00am-11.30am - NI Hospice Coffee morning.

Wed 25th October & Thurs 26th October Parent Teacher consultations - School will close at 12.00pm.

Friday 27th October - School Closed for staff training

Monday 30th October - Friday 3rd November - Halloween Holiday.

Saturday 11th November - AQE Test 1

Saturday 25th November - AQE Test 2

Saturday 2nd December - AQE Test 3

Tuesday 21st November - Open Evening 7.00pm-9.00pm.

Friday 8th December—Whole School Visit to Grand Opera House Visit.

Wednesday 20th December - Last day of term. School closes at 12.00pm.

FURTHER DATES MAY BE ADDED AS THE TERM PROGRESSES

School Absence/Pastoral Care

If your child is absent from school because of illness or any other reason, please phone the Office on the first day of absence and let us know. Similarly if you need to take your child out of school for any appointment, please let the school know in writing. Your child will only be released from school if a parent or other known adult comes to school to collect them. If at all possible try to make appointments for after school hours. The school will monitor pupil attendance and advise you of any issues of attendance.

Healthy Break

We would ask for your continued support in encouraging your children to bring a healthy snack every day.



We would also encourage all children to bring a water bottle to school each day as research indicates that dehydration can have a detrimental effect on concentration and learning.

BIG LUNCH

Following the success of our last 'Big Lunch' in June, we have decided to hold another one on Tuesday 12th September so that our new parents can get to know staff members and other parents.

Further details will be sent out very soon.



FREE SCHOOL MEALS ENTITLEMENT

A child is entitled to receive free school meals where: the parent receives Child Tax Credit or Working Tax Credit and has an annual taxable income not exceeding £16,190; or the parent is in receipt of Income Support or Income Based Jobseeker's Allowance; or income related Employment and Support Allowance; or State Pension Credit.

If you feel that you may qualify or if you would like more information please contact the school office. *Even if you do not wish your child to have free school meals, please apply as a successful application benefits the school because we receive additional funding for children who are registered.*

SCHOOL UNIFORM ALLOWANCE

Families who register and are entitled to free school meals may also be entitled to a uniform allowance of up to £35.75 per child. Forms may be obtained from the school office.

School Milk

Milk will be available from **Monday 11th September** to **Wednesday 20th December** at the cost of **£13.65**. Orders must be returned by **Thursday 7th September** at **9.00am**. Please complete the tear-off slip below if you wish to order milk.

I enclose **£13.65** for milk to cover deliveries from Monday 11th September until Wednesday 20th December.

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