

# Kingsmills Primary School

## Newsletter – September 2020



*Welcome back to a new school year. A very warm welcome to our new pupils and parents.*

*I hope you find our newsletter helpful and informative. A copy will be uploaded to the school website at the beginning of each month, detailing upcoming events and providing information.*

### **Classes**

Rec/P1/2 – Mrs Courtney with Elaine  
P3/4/5- Mrs Scroggie with Valerie  
P6/7 – Mrs Harrison (Mon-Wed) & Mrs Herron (Thurs-Fri)



### **School times**

Classes begin at 8:40am. It is important that children are punctual in their attendance.

A member of staff will be on duty from 8:25am to 8:40am to supervise children.

### **Breakfast Club**

Our Breakfast Club began on Monday 31st September.

Please book your child's place using the booking forms provided.

(These can also be download from the school website.) Breakfast club can be booked weekly or in block for your convenience. Pupils may arrive from 7:30am.



### **Collection of children**

Please endeavour to collect children punctually when the school day ends at 1:15pm / 2:30pm or at the end of after school clubs as all teaching staff have other after school commitments.



Please contact the school if there is any change to who collects your child, or if you are delayed. If your child is eligible for the bus, please ensure he/she uses it.

### **Labelling**

Please ensure all items of uniform are clearly labelled.

### **Sickness**

We ask you to, please be cautious, as the autumn/winter term approaches and the usual winter bugs begin to raise their heads. If your child has any sign of sickness please air on the side of caution and keep them at home. **Any child who has signs and symptoms of an illness, should not be been school. (COVID related or not)**

**Any child arriving at school presenting with sniffles/coughs/ sneezes or signs of an illness will be sent home immediately.**

We appreciate your support with this matter, we must all work together to prevent the spread of any kind of sickness throughout the whole school community, and to ensure the smooth running of day to day operations within school.

### **After School Clubs**

Due to the exceptional circumstances we find ourselves in, we are disappointed to say, that at present, we are unable to offer any clubs. We are working hard to ensure the safety of the whole school community, but when possible all activities will be reinstated. This will continually be reviewed and you will be updated with any changes.

### **Music Lessons:**

#### **Fiddle and Tin Whistle Tuition**

Keith will be coming back to school to continue fiddle lessons as soon as possible. This year we have, once again, been sponsored by the Ulster Scots Agency for tin whistle tuition. This will be available for all our P3 to 7 pupils. (Further details to follow)

### **Piano Tuition**

Kerry, our piano tutor will be returning to continue piano lessons, she will be with us as soon as this is allowed to resume. Lessons will be open to both new and continuing pupils. (Further details will follow)

### **School Council**

Mrs Courtney will be seeking nominations from the children to elect our school councillors for the 2020/21 academic year. The children will receive details shortly.



### **School Website and Facebook Page**

Please log on to our school website at [www.kingsmillsps.co.uk](http://www.kingsmillsps.co.uk) and check out our Facebook page. These media sources will keep you updated with all school activities and events.

### **Two special thank yous!**

We would like to say a big thank you to Sharon McIlveen for kindly providing the school with many bottles (lots) of Tropic antibacterial hand wash. If we are going to wash our hands (many times) we may as well do it in style!!

We would also like to thank Nicola and Richard Murphy for taking the time to organise and cut the front hedge. This is much appreciated!!

Many thanks,

G Harrison

