



Carniny Primary School

Parents' Newsletter



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Parent Interviews

The dates of our first Parent Teacher Consultations have been changed to the following dates:-



Tuesday 18 October (3-4.30pm)

Wed 19 October (1-4.30pm)

Thurs 20 October (1-4.30pm)

The purpose of these meetings is to inform you of your child's progress and any areas for development. These meetings are a crucial aspect of the Teacher/Parent relationship and we would value your attendance.

Parents will be given 15 minute appointments. An appointment schedule will

be displayed outside each classroom from 8.30am on Monday 10 October. Please write your name on the grid in the time slot most suitable for you.

The school day will finish at 1pm on 19th and 20th October **for all P1-7 pupils**. The School Meals Kitchen will provide meals as usual.

Please complete and return to school the attached pro forma indicating you are aware of these arrangements.

School Driveway



Pupils and parents should **not** walk into school along the vehicular road to the school car park. This is a road and not a footpath.

Pupils must enter the school grounds via the pedestrian gates/pathways.

If childminders or grandparents collect your children from school please inform them of this safety instruction.

The Blythswood Shoebox Christmas Appeal

Carniny Primary School plans to support the Blythswood Shoebox Christmas Appeal this year.

It would be greatly appreciated if all pupils could bring to school an appropriately filled shoebox.

Possible contents of the shoebox have been detailed on the attached leaflet.



Christian Care for Body & Soul

Filled shoeboxes should be placed in the school corridor outside the school office by Monday 7 November.



Child Protection Policy

The Child Protection Policy has been updated. Copies are available from the school office or can be viewed on the school website.

Child Protection / Volunteers



In accordance with the school's Child Protection Policy I would ask all parents who would be interested in assisting voluntarily in any aspect of school life during 2016/2017 academic year (PTA, Transport, Library, School Visits etc.) to complete the online Access NI form. Before beginning the online application you will require an instruction form including a PIN number. This can be obtained from the office. On completion of the online form you will receive a Unique Access NI Number which should be brought into school with ID documents for verification.

This procedure must be repeated annually.

Uniform

I wish to remind parents it is expected all pupils wear the School Uniform. Black school shoes **must** be worn (trainers are not permitted). A uniform list is available in the School Handbook and has also been attached with this Newsletter.

Contact Details



Please remember to inform the school of any changes to personal contact details.

In the event of the school needing to contact parents in an emergency it is vital all details are up to date. We have had a number of recent situations where outdated mobile numbers are held by the office and parents were unable to be contacted.

The school is unable to update parent details on Parentmail PMX. When contact details change please log in to Parentmail PMX and make the necessary changes.

Peanut / Tree Nut Allergies

There are a number of children in school with peanut allergies. In some extreme instances very serious allergic reactions can be triggered by even the slightest trace of nut related substance.

Since the safety and well-being of all our pupils is extremely important to us, we would ask for the cooperation and consideration of all of our parents as break time snacks and packed lunches are prepared. (Labelling on foods generally indicates nut or trace nut content, and there is much information available online.)

We would be most appreciative if you would support us in our endeavours to create a nut-free environment. Please try to avoid sending into school, or a school-linked activity any peanut

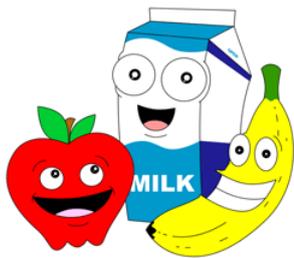


/ tree nut products or by-products for example peanut sandwiches.

Data Keys

Data Keys are available from the school office and currently cost £6.50.

Help Us Promote Our Healthy Break Policy



As a school we believe strongly in the benefits of our children being provided with a healthy break. This discipline can help to establish good eating and drinking habits for your child's future health, enabling them to make healthier choices for themselves. A healthy break can also help pupils sustain good concentration and behaviour for longer periods in the classroom.

Healthy break options which are recommended include:

- unflavoured water or milk
- fresh fruit and/or vegetables

- bread-based products, for example white or wholemeal bread, rolls or baguettes, toast, plain bagels, wheaten, soda, pitta bread, plain bread sticks or crackers. Please provide fresh sugar-free fillings, avoiding sugary spreads.

We would be very grateful for your support in this important area. It can become very difficult for children who have been provided with a healthy snack to observe other children in their class having a less healthy option (e.g. chocolate bars, biscuits or crisps).

Shared Education Signature Project

Parents of children in P3-P7 will have received some information and a consent form from Queen's University about a research study which they are conducting in connection with the Shared Education initiative in which we are participating with St. Colmcille's PS. Please complete the consent form and return this to the class teacher by

Friday 23rd September, indicating whether your child is permitted to take part in the research study.

Personal Belongings



We ask all parents to ensure that all pupils' belongings (items of uniform, games kit, pencil cases etc) are properly named. If you discover your child has accidentally brought home something belonging to another child please ensure it is returned to school the next day. Your assistance with this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Names on Uniform

I wish to remind all parents to ensure all items of uniform are clearly labelled with child's name.

A number of unnamed items have already been found this term.



Outdoor Play – P1 and P2



This year in P1 and P2 we are planning to give our children greater opportunities for learning through outdoor play. We want to encourage our children to play and explore the outdoors through our “Welly Wednesday” initiative. This involves children going outdoors to play every Wednesday wearing wellies and a coat. In order to develop this aspect of play we need additional resources. It would be really appreciated if you could donate any of the items listed below:

- Old saucepans, utensils, Tupperware cake tins etc
- Small world items in good condition e.g. cars, tractors, farm animals, figures etc
- Guttering/tubes
- Crates
- Cable reel ends
- Watering cans
- Construction items e.g. hard hats, tape, cones etc
- Ride on tractors

Our first topic is nursery rhymes and fairytales so any resources related to this topic would also be very much appreciated.

The Foundation Stage staff will appreciate all your help and support with this initiative.

Walking Bus/Bus Transport

Unfortunately we are unable to proceed with a Walking Bus due to insufficient numbers of volunteers.

Thank you to all parents who were willing to help with this initiative.

The school is still exploring the possibility of organising a private transport bus service to and from the school. A decision will shortly be made regarding the feasibility of this proposal.

Christmas Carol Service



Our Christmas Carol Service is planned for 6.30pm on Wednesday 7 December at Wellington Church.

More details will follow regarding specific arrangements for the day. At this stage we wish to make everyone aware of the event and hope you will be able to put this date in your diary.

Cycling Proficiency



In the summer term we offer the P7 pupils the opportunity to participate in the Cycling Proficiency programme.

We are seeking volunteers to assist our staff with the programme. If you would be able to offer 1-2 hours per week as an instructor please give your details to the school office. Training will be provided for all volunteers.

**Carniny Carers at
Carniny Primary
(Wraparound Childcare
Facility)**



The school's wraparound child care facility is proving to be very popular and continues to be available in the mornings (7.45-8.30am) and afternoons (2.00-6.00pm and 5 pm on Fridays). If you are interested in your child availing of this facility please speak to Miss McCartney. She can be contacted on the following mobile number - 07936454949 or through the school office (normal working hours).

With effect from Monday 3 October it will be possible to pay for the 3-6pm session in hourly blocks.

The new pricing structure is as follows:-

Activity	Price
Breakfast Club	£2.50
Waiting Club (2-3pm)	£2.50

After School Club Up to 1 hr	£6.00
After School Club Up to 2 hrs	£10.00
After School Club Up to 3 hrs (Part Time)	£13.50
After School Club Up to 3 hrs (Full Time)	£12.50
2 nd Child Full Time Rate	£11.50
3 rd Child Full Time Rate	£11.00
Early Closure (to 3pm)	£5.00

If the children remain with us for even a small part of the next hour, you will be charged for a full hour.

Raymond Ross
(Principal)



