

# Altamuskin's September News

## Welcome Back!

A warm welcome back to everyone for the 2019/2020 academic year. This is a fresh start for everyone to work towards their goals for learning and improvement. I especially welcome James Mullin, Ella Donnelly, Caolan Mc Garvey and Joe Mc Crory to our school. I am sure they will have many happy days, and will contribute much, to St. Brigid's P.S. I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Mr. Ryan Lynch and Miss Emma Lappin to our school team

this year. I look forward to meeting you all again in the coming days and weeks. Should you need to contact me about any issue, large or small, please be assured that my door is always open.

**Sinéad Gormley**  
Principal



Our P1s on their first day of school.

### Class Groupings:

Year 1-4: Mrs Gormley  
Year 3/4: Mr Lynch  
Year 5-7: Miss McNulty

### Goodluck!

We wish Miss Mc Gorry all the best of luck as she starts her new chapter in Tannaghmore P.S, Lurgan. We will be in touch about organizing a gift for her in September.

## WhatsApp and E-Mail Service



WhatsApp

We are currently updating the Contact details etc. Please complete the Data Capture Form, amend where necessary and return it. Please include your e-mail address with your contact details so that we can e mail the school notes, menus, and links to photographs of events in the school etc. Also, if your mobile phone number changes, please update the mobile number you wish to receive school 'What's App

Broadcast' on. If you don't have 'WhatsApp' you can download it from the 'Apple Store' or 'Google Play Store' We strongly recommend availing of this service to allow you to keep up to date with school activities. **Please ensure that you save the school mobile number into your phone contacts (only once) so that you receive the WhatsApp broadcast. 07980979390**

It may also be useful to include childminders/grandparents to the WhatsApp. Please send their details to 07980979390 and we will add them to our school WhatsApp service.

## Dinner and Milk Money

Dinner is £2.60 per day. Milk money for this term (until Christmas) is £20. Money is collected on a Monday. This job is made much easier if the correct change is given in the envelope marked with the pupil's names and what the money is for.



## After School Service!

The 2 O'clock Club will continue as normal this year. It costs £10 per week. The children get opportunities to socialise with their friends during carefully planned, fun, interactive learning activities. They have opportunities to improve their ICT skills, language development and independence in a safe, stimulating environment. Please contact school for more Information. 2-3:15pm.



The 2 o'clock club will be dependent on numbers and will be reviewed at Halloween.

## Video and photographic permission slips

In line with our Child Protection/ Safeguarding Policy, permission to take video and photographic images must be obtained along with other permissions. Please read/ sign and return enclosed consent forms.

## School Times



*School opens: 9am*

*School begins: 9.15am*

*School ends for P.1 and P.2: 2pm*

*School ends for P.3- P.7: 3.15pm.*

*Children should not be dropped off before 9am as we cannot provide supervision until then. We appreciate you collecting your children promptly at 3:15pm.*

## Library Van

The Library van will visit our school every fortnight. This will begin on Tuesday 3rd September from 10am-11am. It will be at the Community Centre from 11am. Encourage others to avail of this great service!



## Irish

Irish classes begin mid September. It costs £10 per term. This is a great opportunity for your child to learn a second language!



## Homework

Homework is a way for parents to monitor their child's progress; it is a means of consolidating and extending class work. Please check over your child's homework every night and sign their homework diary weekly.

## Healthy Break

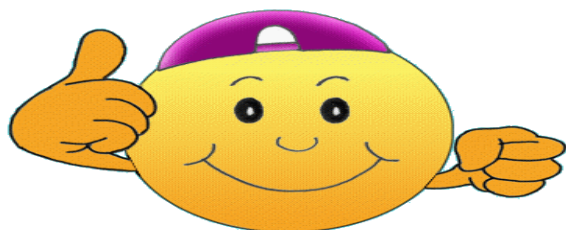
At 10.45 the children will get a break to eat their snack. This should be a piece of fruit. We would encourage all children to bring a piece of fruit every day.





# Good luck

**GO FOR IT !**



**GOOD LUCK !**

Good luck to last years P.7s. We wish them well in their new schools and hope that they will continue to work hard to achieve their goals.

## Medical Needs

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If your child has any medical needs, including asthma, which the school is not aware of, please record on data capture form and contact the school **immediately** so appropriate procedures can be followed.

## Absence notes

Reminder: All absences should be followed up with a note for the class teacher. Please record the date and reason for the absence.

## Our Entrance!

In the interests of safety and in line with our Child Protection/Safeguarding Policy, access to the school will be via the **main entrance only**.

If you need to collect your child from school early, please contact your child's teacher by note/phone call at the beginning of that day then report to the main office to sign your child out. An adult will then arrange for your child to meet you.



**Please use this front entrance only.**



A little reminder that peanuts or any other product containing nuts should **NOT** be sent to school. Thank you for your co-operation!

## Young Enterprise

For the first time ever, we are bringing the Young Enterprise programme to Altamuskin! The Young Enterprise Programme provides young people with the opportunity to develop key skills and make connections between school and the world of work. Young Enterprise enriches academic learning and empowers children to develop the confidence, ability and ambition to succeed.

P1-4 will have the opportunity to take part in the "Our Families" project. Sandra will visit our school during September to deliver the programme so the P1-4's should look forward to receiving their new resources and learning aids.

P5-7 will participate in the Business Beginnings Programme in term 2. The children will set up and run their own mini company! We are hoping that this will strengthen links with the Altamuskin Community as we will be working closely with a business volunteer who will share their expertise with our children.

Watch this space....look out all those budding entrepreneurs in Altamuskin!



**Young Enterprise**

It is great to see the excellent standard of the children's uniforms. This creates a great image for the school and helps children carry the same standard into their work.

Please ensure that **all items of uniform** and PE kit are labelled with the child's name and class to reduce the chances of items getting lost.



## Uniforms

White Shirt

Green and Navy striped Tie

Navy jumper/ cardigan

Navy trousers / skirt

Suitable footwear



## Swimming

The P5/P6/P7 start their swimming programme on in term 2. This runs for 15 weeks. More information to follow.



## Violin

### Registration:

Reminder: All children must register for lessons if they wish to continue this year. Contact the Education Authority to register.



## Transfer

Reminder: The deadline for children to register for the transfer test is Friday 20st September at 2pm. If you have any queries please visit [www.pptcni.com](http://www.pptcni.com) or contact the school where you are hoping to sit the test.

## Non-Uniform Day!

The last Friday of every month will be a non-uniform day for the pupils. There will be a £1 charge for this. This money will go to school funds.

## When to contact your school

**If you would like to discuss any matters regarding school:**

Partnership is key if all our pupils are to achieve their full potential; therefore we welcome your interest in St. Brigid's. We hope that you will share with us, the task of making these important years in your child's life a successful and enjoyable experience. If you have any enquiries or concerns relating to your child's education or development, please contact the school to make an appointment. The best time to contact school is between 8.45 and 9.15am or after 3.15pm. This is before and after class time. Teachers are unavailable during class time.

## Authorisation for collection of children:

**If you are unable to collect your child:**

If someone else is to collect your child, or you are allowing them to walk home on their own, please inform the class teacher by means of a signed note or a phone call. We will only release children into the care of individuals named by the parent/carer by means of a signed note or a phone call. This is particularly important when children are visiting friends' houses e.g. birthday parties. Children **can not** be lifted by a friend's parent without notice being given to the class teacher/principal beforehand.