



Welcome to P2/3



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- Welcome to all our parents, carers boys and girls! Thank you for your support and cooperation as we all begin to settle into a new school life.
- As we cannot meet together, hopefully the information provided in this presentation will seek to clarify any issues and give you an insight into school life in Primary 2 and 3.
- Your child is in a composite class, as such work is differentiated accordingly and children work in a variety of Literacy and Numeracy groups to support their learning.
- Our first topic this term is Fairy Tales. We are also looking at narrative writing and will be focusing on Measures through Word problems as part of our whole school Numeracy work.

Primary 2 and Primary 3

Welcome.

- Daily routines- Hands washed, coats, lunch boxes, library books.
- School starts at 9.00am. Children can be in the classroom from 8.45 onwards.
- If you do need to talk to me you can make an appointment by telephoning Mrs O'Lone in the office on 427 71455
- School starts at 9.00- all children should be in the classroom at this time, please ensure your child is in by this time to prevent disruptions.
- Please note if your child is late or is out of school for even part of the day this will affect their overall attendance at the end of the year.





Daily Routines

- It is especially important that your child is aware of pick up arrangements after school or if they are travelling home by the bus.
- Please note if your child is going to Kidz Club they must be booked in by an adult- we cannot simply take your child's word for it!


Daily Routines

- Break time- Please support our healthy break by sending something healthy, eg fruit, yogurt, water, crackers etc. It is best to save crisps for lunchtime. Children can pay for milk if they wish.
- Please note anything you are required to pay for should be done online using the Eduspot pay facility.
- Primary 2 and Primary 3 children go out to play before eating.
- After break: Literacy/Numeracy tasks.
- Lunchtime- children have their packed lunch or dinner in the dinner hall first before going outside to play. Please note your child will bring any uneaten lunch home with them- they are not allowed to bin it!
- Please don't forget our no nuts policy.
- After lunch- topic work, virtual assemblies etc.
- Primary 2 children go home at 2pm each day.
- Monday and Friday: P3 children go home at 2pm, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday they finish at 3pm.
- Please note the earlier collection times for individuals or family groups on each day.




Significant Weekly Events

- Monday:
 - P2 and P3 children go home at 2pm.
- Tuesday:
 - Assembly
 - P.E.
- Wednesday:
 - P3 children have ICT with Mrs Harbinson.
- Thursday:
 - P.E.
 - Any reading books must be returned to school on a Thursday to allow for appropriate quarantining.
- Friday:
 - Phonics and Numeracy weekly assessment task.
 - Show and Tell: Via Seesaw at present




HOMEWORK

Why???? To consolidate what is taking place in school- a joint effort!




- Children will have some form of home learning each night.
- Reading activities- Bug Club account- at present your child's reading homeworks will be allocated on their Active Learn account. Depending on any changes in recommendations we do hope to send reading books home once we can implement suitable hygiene arrangements
- Record any significant findings in Reading Record Section of homework overview.
- Number facts- encourage quick recall and use of mental calculation strategies.
- Phonics activities: variety of activities each night, word sort, sound search, manipulation of sounds etc
- Written Literacy and Numeracy activities.
- Please encourage your child to work on numeracy facts, spellings and word recognition each night rather than one long session. The purpose of these 'learning' homeworks is to encourage your child to become more independent and secure in basic literacy and numeracy facts.
- Weekly assessments are used to gauge quick recall of these facts.
- Any photocopied materials which are sent home should be kept at home- these may be games or jottars which you can use to support your child's home learning.

What will your child need?




- Any items your child brings into school e.g. welly boots, pencil cases etc should be named and can be stored on your child's peg or in the basket underneath their table. We also recommend they have their own sanitizer which can be kept in school as well as a supply of tissues
- P.E. sessions will commence on Tuesday 15th September and Thursday 17th September. Children should come to school wearing their P.E. kits




What will school provide?

As far as possible your child will have their own individual equipment to use. When this is not possible we will be encouraging good hygiene practices and where necessary equipment may be quarantined for several days afterwards.





General Issues



- Any information regarding health issues, Speech therapy, hearing conditions etc please share this with school
- Inhalers, Epi-pens etc should also be left in school. If you have stated on their medical form that they use one it MUST be in school- clearly labelled in an appropriate container
- Look out for information on your child's Seesaw account about topics, things you can help with.
- Please label ALL clothing! Please ensure your child is dressed in the appropriate uniform requirements. If by accident your child takes another child's belongings home please return them to school ASAP
- Please note: it is preferable that earrings are removed before P.E.
- If you do not choose to do this please cover earrings with plasters or your child will not be able to participate
- Any jewellery should also be removed e.g. bangles
- We like to move seats regularly in our classroom so your child will get to move around throughout the year

How can you help?

Your support to school is invaluable! There are lots of opportunities for you to help out, both in school and at home.

A few suggestions:

- ✓ Support your child's attendance at school and home learning.
- ✓ Contribute to school- in terms of topic related materials etc.
- ✓ Make known any particular skills or expertise you might have which we could benefit from!
- ✓ Support school events e.g. PTFA, Parent Consultations etc.
- ✓ Return permission slips, bills etc promptly.
- ✓ Pick up your child on time!
- ✓ Visit our website: www.kirkistownprimaryschool.com

Finally!

- Thank you for taking the time to read all this information.
- If you have any forms e.g. personal details, internet access etc please return ASAP.
- Kids Club- £3.50 per hour.
- School dinners £2.60 per day.
- Look out on the website for updated information.
- A helpful reminder- it is important to remind all carers, childminders etc. of changes in pick up times, arrangements for after school clubs etc

