



STRAIDHAVERN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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August 2023 Newsletter

Principal's Welcome:

Dear Parents/Guardians,



On behalf of the staff of Straidhavern Primary School, I extend the warmest of welcomes to everyone as we embark on a new school year. For those who are joining our school for the first time, you are not alone... I, too, am new to the Straidhavern Primary School family, and I hope that you are just as excited as I am to get started! I look forward to meeting you and your children next week. It has been wonderful to meet some of you during our Playball Summer Scheme and Pre-Loved Uniform Sales this week!

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries or concerns. I am contactable via Class Dojo, the details shown above, or of course in person.

Kind Regards,
Mrs Meekin

Back to School!

Pupils return to school for the new academic year on **Thursday 31st August 2023**. Both **Thursday 31st August and Friday 1st September will be half days for pupils (9am-12pm) and so no school meals will be available**. School meals will be available from Monday 4th September 2023. Please be advised that there will be **NO BUS available on Thursday 31st August**.



Special Arrangements in Primary 1:



Our Primary 1 pupils will ease into school life with a reduced timetable initially, finishing at 10am on Thursday 31st August and Friday 1st September 2023. Mrs Chapman will be in touch via Class Dojo with further details. Mrs Chapman will be assisted by Miss Hendron during Mrs Marks' absence. We wish Mrs Marks a speedy recovery during her period of extended sick leave. We do hope that our P1 Parents/Guardians might stay for a cuppa whilst their little ones settle into school life on the first day!

Spanish Lessons:

Spanish lessons begin once again weekly in all classes from Monday 4th September 2023.



School Photographer:



Cool for School Photography will be in school on **Tuesday 5th September 2023**... in case anyone needs to set those alarm clocks extra early! Please ensure that pupils are wearing **full school uniform**. Those wishing to purchase family group shots should inform Class Teachers via Class Dojo. Younger siblings will be welcome between 9-9.30am.

Swimming in Key Stage 2:

Pupils in P5, 6 and 7 will begin weekly swimming lessons on **Wednesday 6th September 2023**. Sessions will be charged at £2 per pupil each week. Miss Baker will be sending out consent and payment forms in the days ahead, so please be sure to complete and return these ahead of our first session. Pupils will leave school at 10.30am, returning in time for lunch.



Wraparound Care:



Our breakfast club and after-schools programme will recommence on Monday 4th September 2023 at a cost of £2.50 per hour. As before, this price is dependent on meeting minimum numbers. Miss Baker will be in touch with booking forms in due course.

Parent Survey:

In order to best meet the needs of your child, we in Straidhavern Primary School believe that connections between home and school are crucial. We would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete the form linked below (alternatively you may wish to scan the QR code) for each child attending the school, and please do keep us informed of any changes (for example, to contact numbers, etc) which may be relevant.

<https://forms.gle/Zq26WMX3SFMJtnSi7>

