



St Brigid's Primary School

Haddington Road

Sept/Oct 2013 Principal's Bulletin

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to a new school year and a particular welcome to all our new pupils.

Now that we've settled in, here are some important reminders for your attention:

The Board of Management assumes responsibility for the pupils from 8.50am to 1.30pm/2.30pm. Children should not be left unsupervised in the school grounds before the official starting time of **8.50am**, or after school ends at **1.30/2.30pm**. The Board of Management is not responsible for the children before/after these times and so it is important that an adult looks after them. Please take special care that children do not run in and out of the gate.

On very wet days, the door will be opened and you may take the children into the front hall and should remain with them until the teachers come on duty at 8.50am. Children should not be left in the classrooms. As the space is



limited, it is advisable for those who travel by car, to wait in the car until 8.50am. Otherwise the corridors can get very crowded.



Safe Parking

We understand how difficult it can be to park near the school. There are several points of access: St.Mary's Road, Eastmoreland Place and Haddington Road. We ask that parents of older pupils park further away from the school and walk the remainder of the way.



On St.Mary's Road, please drive very slowly and park away from the entrance. There are double yellow lines and traffic cones outside the gate and it is very important that you do not park on them. Small children cannot be seen behind parked cars and cannot see cars coming either.

Driving into, or parking in, the church grounds is not permitted. This is by request of the Church authorities and is to ensure the safety of everybody, but especially the children.

Please dismount from bicycles at the archway and leave bikes outside the school gate. We thank everyone for their co-operation.

Please also remember that dogs are not allowed inside the school grounds.

Text-A-Parent:

This year again we will be using our Text-A-Parent service to inform you of special events, unexpected closures etc.



Please ensure that any changes to your mobile numbers are notified to the school office. You can also do this through the school website

(Communication section).

Email Addresses:

We send information, bulletins and newsletters by email to all parents who have given us their email addresses. If you want to receive information via email, please send your email address to stbrigidsprimary@gmail.com

Birthdays

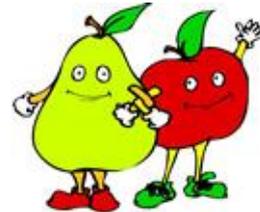
We wish to remind you that we cannot have birthday parties in school. Please do not bring in cakes or party bags as the teachers cannot accept them for the children.

We specifically ask that party invitations are not given out in school. It can be very upsetting for children who don't receive an invitation and don't understand why.

Healthy Lunches:

Thank you once again for all your help and support with our Healthy Lunch

Policy. We are reviewing this policy this term, seeking input from the children themselves firstly. When the draft of the new policy is ready, we will send it to parents by email; all feedback is welcome. The final ratification of the policy is at Board of Management level.



Remember that children need a drink (preferably water) and food to make sure that they have enough energy to concentrate throughout the day.



Please make sure your child has a *lunch box*, clearly marked with her/his name.

Lost Property: Please mark all of your child's clothes, shoes, bags and books with their name.



Our Lost Property bins are on the Junior Corridor.

National Education Welfare Board

(NEWB):



As you know from previous newsletters it is important that you inform the class teacher *in writing* of any absences. If you need Absent Forms, you can collect them from the secretary's office.

Alternatively, you can send in an Absent Form from our website (under Parent Teacher Communication).

We, as a school, are bound by law to report absences totalling 20 days or more to the NEWB and so we need written records for any absences.

If your child has to leave the school during the day please ensure that you sign him/her out on the Sign-Out sheet in each classroom.



Please remember that lessons start at 9.00am and so it is very important that children are in their classrooms by that time.

Head Lice:

Unfortunately, head lice like children's hair and so we remind you to check your children's hair regularly and treat if necessary. Your pharmacist will advise you on appropriate products. Girls should keep their hair tied up, and all children should be reminded not to share hats, scarves, hairbrushes etc.

We will send a note to you if we know that a child/children in your child's class has caught headlice but please check regularly yourself also. It is a good idea to set a time each weekend to do this check.

Would you like to volunteer to help with Hallowe'en Activities?

Please let Frances or Veronica know (in the office) if you are available on Friday, October 25th. The children really enjoy the Hallowe'en activities organised and run by the parents and we need volunteers for at least an hour or two.

Looking Ahead:

Maths Week is coming....next week!

www.mathsweek.ie

Science Week date: Nov 10th-17th

www.scienceweek.ie

Junior and Senior Infants will be visiting Imaginosity on Nov 12th/13th!!

