



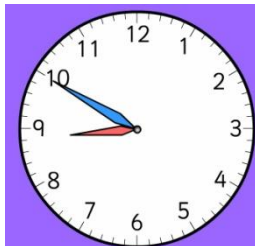
**St Brigid's Primary School  
Haddington Road  
Principal's Bulletin  
September 2014**

Dear Parents,

We hope you and your children have had a good start to the new school year. Our new Junior Infants are settling in well and getting used to the routines of 'big school'. We also welcomed new pupils to other classes and are delighted they've settled in so quickly.

**This month's bulletin focuses on information and reminders for you.**

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.

On very wet days, the door will be opened a little earlier and you may take the children into the front hall; you 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 very limited, it is advisable for

those who travel by car to stay in the car until 8.50am. Otherwise, the corridors can get very crowded.

Our curriculum is a busy one with a lot for each class to cover in many different subject areas. We ask that you make every effort to have your child in school on time every day. **The bell goes at 8.50am and lessons start at 9.00am.** Children who are often late miss an important start to the day.



Teachers collect the children from the playground and bring them into the school. We ask parents to encourage their children to go in on their own as soon as they are able. Please avoid crowding in the corridors and halls, and allow the children space to come in safely. Please leave buggies/strollers outside. We really appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

**In the afternoon, please note Junior Infants go home at 1.25pm, Senior Infants at 1.30pm, 1<sup>st</sup> Class at 2.25pm and the remainder of the school at 2.30pm.**

### ***Notification of absence:***

Parents have a responsibility to have their children attend school every day. If your child cannot attend, please remember to complete a 'Reason for Absence' form, either from the website or on the forms provided to you, (extra forms in the office).

### **Text-a-Parent**

We use the Text-a-Parent service to keep you updated with information.

Please let us know any change in your mobile number as soon as possible. You can do this through our website.



### **Birthdays**

Please remember that we do not have birthday parties at school. Teachers cannot accept cakes or party bags for the children.

*We also remind you that party invitations are not to be given out in school. It can be very upsetting for children if they don't receive an invitation while others do.*

### **Mobile Phones:**

Our School Policy on children's mobile phones is that any child who brings a phone should have it turned off inside school grounds. Phones should only be switched on again at the end of the school day, unless by arrangement with a teacher. We appreciate your continued co-operation with this School Policy.

### **Head Lice:**

Unfortunately, wherever children gather, headlice can too. We remind you to check your children's hair regularly and treat if

necessary. Your pharmacist will advise you on appropriate products.

Long hair should be tied up, and all children should be reminded not to share hats, scarves, hairbrushes etc.

If your child has headlice, please do let us know so we can send a note to the class and parents will then know to check their children's hair.

### **Lunch**

Remember that if you want to make changes to your child's lunch order, you can log on to [www.carambola.ie](http://www.carambola.ie), put in your child's ID code (you will find this underneath your child's name on the lunchbag), and the password 'carambola'; you can then edit your child's order. Changes made by Friday at 3pm will be effective for the following Monday morning.



Children need to bring a lunchbox to school and are asked to bring all of their lunch waste and packaging home in the box.

### **Home School Liaison Teacher**

Ms. Margaret Irwin is our Home School Liaison teacher. Ms. Irwin works between both St. Brigid's and St. Mary's schools and can often be found in the playground at hometimes. She is organising courses for parents and will send out an Information Bulletin soon. We will send it to you by email. Ms. Irwin's mobile no. is: 089-4873473.

## 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 24<sup>th</sup>. The children really enjoy the Hallowe'en fun organised and run by parents and we need volunteers for at least an hour or two in the morning, between 9.15am-12.30pm.

We also need some volunteers to help put up the Hallowe'en decorations on Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. Can you help?

Thank you!

## Our website

[www.stbrigidprimaryschool.ie](http://www.stbrigidprimaryschool.ie)

We hope that you visit our website often and we update it regularly for you.

Events and activities are listed on the Event Calendar.

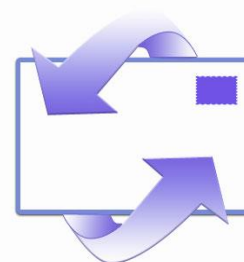
Letters sent home, newsletters and bulletins are available from the menu on the left hand side.

You do not need to login to access the website. We include photos of the children's work (approx every eight weeks), special events, classroom activities and much more. If you don't have a login username and password, you will not be able to access the Parents' Gallery; you can request one via the website (under the Parent Teacher Communication tab). This access is only available to parents of children in our school.

## **Emails:**

Remember to send in your email address if you haven't done so already. We want to continue to reduce our paper usage

and sending you information by email will help in this regard.



## **Book Rental and School Expenses:**

Thank you for continuing the school through your payment of your child's school expenses fee. This fee covers Book Rental, stationery, photocopied material, art supplies and book bag (for Infants).

We do not charge a 'voluntary contribution' as many schools do. Therefore, it is really important that everyone pays this single expenses fee for their child/children so that we can continue to provide for the children's needs.

If you have mislaid your expenses form it is available on the website (under the Information for Parents tab).

## **School Calendar:**

If you have mislaid your calendar, it is available on the website (under the Information for Parents tab).

Best wishes to everyone for a super school year!

*Annemarie Hogan*

Principal

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