

MULLAVILLY PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parent/Guardian

New Dismissal Arrangements

Due to increased numbers in school and the volume of traffic we are reviewing how children in Primary 1 – 3 are dismissed from school at 2.00pm in an attempt to safeguard all children from harm. New arrangements will be implemented as from next Monday 27 November on a trial basis and will be reviewed before Christmas. Any feedback on this matter is much appreciated and can be forwarded to the Principal via email.

Primary 1 – P1 will remain in the school building at 2.00pm and will line up ready for collection in the corridor by the “Staff Entrance” door. Parents/Guardians are asked to approach the staff entrance door and make themselves known to the teacher and collect their child.

Primary 2 & 3 – P2 & P3 pupils will be lined up in two separate lines just inside the 2nd black gate at the usual entrance. Parents/Guardians are asked to make themselves known to the teacher and collect their child at this gate.

If you have a child in Primary 1 and another in Primary 2 or 3, please collect the youngest child first.

Homework

Thank you for your responses to our homework survey. A full analysis of this will be available next week. We are beginning to make changes to our homework policy, especially for Primary 4 -7. Again this will be rolled out as a pilot programme and your feedback will be much appreciated.

Monday night’s homework will change from being a Literacy based homework to a Numeracy based homework commencing on Monday 4 December.

The phonics/spelling based homework will take a new format as from January 2018. Children will be given words from their spelling list and a list of definitions and will be asked to colour match the spelling with the correct meaning. An example of this layout will be given before the end of Term 1b. This has already been implemented in Primary 3 and Primary 6.

Staff are continuing to review the policy and your feedback, and further changes may be made throughout the year.

Quiz Sheets

On Monday 27 November all families will receive 3 quiz sheets. Pupils are asked to sell these quizzes to grandparents, family members and close friends and return the £3 collected for the sheets to school. First prize will be £30 and completed sheets should be posted in the box in the school entrance hall.

Open Day

Please remember that on Thursday 30 November school will close for all children at 2.00pm, unless your child has volunteered to help out at Open Afternoon.

More information will be given to the volunteers on Monday 27 November.

Meetings with Teachers

All our teachers are very willing to meet and discuss with you any concerns you may have about your child. We ask that you make an appointment via the school office for a suitable time. Teachers are extremely busy first thing in the morning and at 2.00pm and 3.00pm as they have additional classes to take, therefore will not be available at these times to have discussions with parents unless prior arrangements have been made. If there is a minor issue, eg forgotten lunch box etc, please inform the school office and a message will be passed onto the class teacher.

I would also take the opportunity to remind you that we do encourage our pupils to become more independent by coming into school in the morning and we ask that you would refrain from coming into the school building at this time unless absolutely necessary.

Christmas Performance Dates Reminder

The KS2 carol service is on Thursday 14 December in Mullavilly Parish Church starting at 7.00pm.

The KS1 Nativity play will be on Friday 15 December in Mullavilly Parish Church Hall starting at 9.30am.

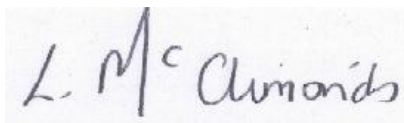
Please make a note of these dates on your calendar.

Mullavilly Primary School App

We are trying to move away from the volume of paper based notes that are sent home as most of them end up at the bottom of a school bag never to be seen again! All notes will be placed on the school website and can be viewed via the school app on the notification section. The School App can be downloaded from the App Store and Google Play for free.

If you have any queries regarding any of the above, please contact the school office.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "L. A. McClimonds". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'L' and 'M'.

L A McClimonds (Mrs)
Principal