### **Education Authority Western Region**

# STRABANE CONTROLLED PRIMARY SCHOOL



Principal Mrs. C Thompson



Dear Parents/Guardians,

### **Charity collections**

To celebrate Autism NI Month we are planning a 'Colour Day' in our school. This will be a day to Dress up in a specific colour according to your class. Please see below for recommended colours. The day will

take place on Thursday 25th April.

 $\begin{array}{lll} \text{Nursery} - \text{Pink} & \text{P5} - \text{White} \\ \text{P1} - \text{Orange} & \text{P6} - \text{Red} \\ \text{P2} - \text{Yellow} & \text{P7} - \text{Blue} \end{array}$ 

P3 – Green P4 – Purple



Please do not go to any expense regarding the colour day but simply try to gather up any items so we can collate a full range of colours on the day. We also ask for £1 from every pupil for the day to donate to Autism NI. Thank you.

School Dinner on this day will be a fun meal with a colourful cupcake.

### Retirement

Sadly, we celebrated with Mrs. S McKnight, her retirement as our outgoing Nursery Assistant since September 2000. Mrs. McKnight, we want to wish you a long, happy and healthy retirement. Thank you, from everyone, past and present, at Strabane PS. We also wish to welcome our newly appointed Nursery Assistant, Ms. Aoife Barr.

### **Policies**

Please be aware that a number of policies have been redrafted and will be placed on our school website for your consultation before ratification. You will receive notification of these policies via the School Web App. Thank you.



### **Carpark Safety**

- Please ensure that you follow the one-way system
- Park in one space only.
- 5 mph speed limit.
- Be observant of parents and children walking to and from their lines
- Reverse park into a space

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- Pedestrians, please do not use the traffic gate as a walkway to enter school but rather use the pedestrian gate to reduce risk.

NO CHILD should be left unattended in the school grounds before 8.45am. Bus children to go to their designated areas on arrival. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

### Medical conditions

Please inform the school immediately if your child has any **medical condition**/s that we need to be aware of e.g. an allergy, coeliac or asthma etc. It is also essential that if you have changed **contact details** such as a mobile number or home address since your child/ren started Year 1, that you inform the school as quickly as possible so that the changes can be made to our records.

Milk If your child wishes to take milk in Term 3, the cost is £12. Please send this in a clearly marked envelope by Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April, thank you.

### **Cash For Clobber**

Thank you for continuing to use our Cash for Clobber recycling bank which goes directly towards helping to raise money for our school funds. Please remember the following items and their categories:

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-	Clothing

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- Blankets

- Curtains

- Sheets

- Towels

### **NOT ALLOWED**

-toys

-hard plastics

-pillows/duvets

-rugs

-glass, paper, metal

### **PTFA**

The PTFA will soon be arranging a meeting to organise the summer fair. Your help would be greatly appreciated as this is an event where everyone can get involved. It is also an event which the children anticipate every year. If you have any talents, ideas, or are simply able to volunteer, please get in touch with us here at school or with the PTFA committee.

The PTFA are also planning a sponsored walk event for the pupils towards the end of June to help raise awareness of healthy choices and active lifestyles but also to have an afternoon socialising together before the end of the academic year. More details to follow.

### Calendar for Term 3

The following is a list of dates to remember during the term. More details will be provided where necessary closer to each event.

• 10<sup>th</sup> April NI Irish Football association Football taster sessions for girls

• 12<sup>th</sup> April Y5 Cricket Blitz at Strabane Academy

• 15<sup>th</sup> April Mr. Hullabaloo to visit Nursery, Foundation and Key Stage 1 classes

• 16<sup>th</sup> April Messy Play Nursery

• 17<sup>th</sup> April Encore Choir rehearsals

• 18<sup>th</sup> April Y4/5 and Y6 Encore Drama concludes at The Alley Theatre

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•	18 <sup>th</sup> April	Commencement of Owen Roes taster sessions for Y1 – Y7
	19 <sup>th</sup> April	Y6 Cricket Blitz at Strabane Academy
	24 <sup>th</sup> April	Y7 Love for Life
•	25 <sup>th</sup> April	Autism Colour Day for Nursery-Yr 7
•	26 <sup>th</sup> April	Yr7 Cricket Blitz at Strabane Academy
•	6th May	May Day Bank holiday - school closed
•	11 <sup>th</sup> May	Yr 4 Holy Communion
•	27 <sup>th</sup> May	Spring Bank holiday – school closed
•	28 <sup>th</sup> May	Staff Development Day – school closed to pupils
	7 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer Fair (after school) School closes half day
•	13 <sup>th</sup> June	Junior and Senior Sports Day (during the school day)
•	14 <sup>th</sup> June	Father's Day Breakfast
•	17 <sup>th</sup> June	Cycling proficiency commences for Year 7
•	21st June	Yr6 Technology Day at Strabane Academy
•	25 <sup>th</sup> June	Annual Progress Reports to parents
•	27 <sup>th</sup> June	Prize Day at 10 am
•	28th June	Last day of term. School closes 11.30am

## 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024 School reopens for 2024/2025.

Please find attached a calendar for next year to help you plan in advance of any holidays or occasions. Attendance continues to be monitored and contact will be made with you should the need arise.

Thank you for your support and cooperation on all of these matters.

Yours faithfully, C. Thompson Mrs. C Thompson Principal





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# Strabane Controlled Primary School Calendar 2024/25

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