



WINDSOR HILL

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome to the new school year. We are delighted with the positive start our pupils have made and look forward to a busy, happy and successful term together. This newsletter highlights upcoming events, opportunities and important reminders. Please continue to check school letters, emails and text messages for further details.

It is hoped that these regular newsletters will provide information about upcoming events, achievements, and what is happening in school. Please continue to read letters and emails which will contain more detail.

UNIFORM

We are delighted that everyone is settling so well into the routines of school. Our pupils have made an excellent start to the year and look extremely smart in their full school uniform. Thank you to parents, carers and pupils for your support. By maintaining this high standard throughout the year, we strengthen pupils' pride, sense of belonging and identity within our school community.

JEWELLERY & EARRINGS

For pupils' health and safety, jewellery, including earrings, should not be worn to school. Hoop earrings present a particular risk. Pupils wearing earrings may be unable to take part in PE lessons. Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe and ready to participate fully.

SCHOOL MEALS

Our cook, Gillian, and her team provide high-quality meals each day. The menu is available on the school website, and paper copies are available from the school office. Payment can be made through ParentPay or by sending money to the office. Please pay on Monday for the week ahead, as meals must be paid for in advance. If you receive Universal Credit and think your child may qualify for Free School Meals, please speak confidentially to a member of the office team, who will be happy to help.

TEXT MESSAGING SERVICE

Our text messaging service enables us to send short reminders quickly to one primary contact number. Please speak to Mrs Whiteside if you are not receiving messages or if your contact details have changed.



BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club is available every school morning from 8.00 am in the Assembly Hall. For £2.00 per day, children may choose toast or pancakes with juice or milk. A range of activities is available until the bell rings at 8.45 am, when pupils are escorted safely to their classrooms. It is a welcoming and positive way to begin the school day.

2-3 CLUB

Our 2-3 Club is available each school day for P1-P3 pupils. For £2.00 per day, children can enjoy games, creative play and opportunities to socialise in a safe, caring environment. Advance booking is appreciated, and payment should be made in advance whenever possible.



PREFECTS, B-BUDDIES & SCHOOL COUNCIL

P4-P7 classes are currently electing representatives to the School and Eco Councils, while our P7 pupils are applying for prefect positions. We look forward to announcing the successful pupils and to the valuable contribution they will make to school life. Last term, as part of our PATHS programme, P7 pupils were trained as B-Buddies.

They are settling very well into this important role, supporting others in the playground and helping in the canteen at lunchtime.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (Separate notes will be sent out about these events)

WEDNESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER – ROCK STARS DAY

We will launch our NumBots and Times Tables Rock Stars competitions for the year. This promises to be an enjoyable way for pupils to practise number facts and times tables, which are essential foundations for many areas of numeracy.

FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER – TRANSFORM ED STAFF TRAINING DAY

School will be closed to pupils.

FRIDAY 2 OCTOBER – MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Parents, carers and friends are warmly invited to come along and help us support this very worthwhile charity.



ENRICHING OPPORTUNITIES THIS TERM

SWIMMING

Mr Hanna's class attends swimming lessons at Newry Leisure Centre on Friday mornings. The children have made an enthusiastic start. Swimming is a compulsory part of our PE programme and an important life skill, and we appreciate parents' support. Please send swimming money to school on Monday mornings, as this greatly assists with administration.

MUSIC

Charlie McCartan from the EA Music Service provides brass tuition for pupils in P5–P7 on Tuesday mornings. Mr Bothwell works with pupils learning woodwind instruments on Friday mornings. Please encourage regular practice at home so that children can make the most of these excellent opportunities.

We are also delighted that, for the first time, the whole P5 class will participate free of charge in the EA Whole Class Tuition Programme. Every child will have the opportunity to learn an instrument. Mr Bothwell and a colleague will work alongside Miss Somerville on this exciting new project. Instruments used for whole-class lessons will remain in school.

CHOIR

Mrs Davidson and Mr Hanna will work with the pupils selected for the choir on Monday afternoons as they prepare for school events, beginning with our Harvest Assembly on Thursday 22 October.

HEALTHY KIDZ COACHES

We are delighted to welcome Healthy Kidz coaches to school on Mondays. They will work with P1–P5 classes through an engaging multi-sports programme that builds confidence, teamwork and healthy habits.

SPORTING OPPORTUNITIES

HEALTHY KIDZ – MONDAY	P2 & P3	2.00 pm – 3.00 pm	P4 – P7 – 3.00 pm – 4.00 pm
HOCKEY CLUB - TUESDAY	P4 – P7	3.00 pm – 4.00 pm	with Mrs. Jennett & Mrs. Chapman
FOOTBALL CLUB- THURSDAY	P2 & P3	2.00 pm – 3.00 pm	P4 – P7 – 3.00 pm – 4.00 pm- with Fiona

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES & HEALTHY BREAKS

Thank you for continuing to support our Healthy Break Initiative. Fresh fruit is available from the school kitchen at break time for 30p per portion.

To promote healthy habits, we encourage pupils to bring fruit, milk or water for break time. **Please do not send crisps, sweets, high-sugar cereal bars, yoghurt drinks or fizzy drinks to school.** Together, we can help our children make positive choices and develop healthy habits for life.

FRUITFUL FRIDAYS

With support from Extended Schools funding, we are pleased to provide free fruit at break time every Friday this term. Mandarin oranges remain a firm favourite with the children!

DAILY MILE

We encourage everyone to enjoy fresh air and physical activity through The Daily Mile. Although classes may not always complete a full mile, regular movement supports pupils' focus, concentration and wellbeing. We greatly appreciate the commitment of staff and pupils to keeping active.