



Carniny Primary School

Parents' Newsletter



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Welcome

I hope you all had a very enjoyable Summer vacation and are ready to begin the new school year at Carniny Primary. A special welcome to parents of our new pupils. We hope you will spend many happy years with us.

The School Premises

Special thanks to Mrs Davison and Mrs Hueston for working so hard to ensure the school is ready for the new academic year.

Parent Information Meetings

Teachers in each year group have scheduled short information meetings (3.10 - 3.25pm) for parents in early September. The purpose of the meeting is to inform parents of the routines and procedures in their child's new class/year. We hope you will be able to attend what

should be an informative meeting. The dates of the meetings are as follows:

- P1 -11 Sept (2.10pm)
- P2 -2 Sept (3.10pm)
- P3 -10 Sept (3.10pm)
- P4 - 7 Sept (3.10pm)
- P5 - 3 Sept (3.10pm)
- P6- 8 Sept (3.10pm)
- P7- 1 Sept (3.10pm)

Uniform

It is encouraging to see all children looking so smart in their school uniform.

Please remember that children are expected to wear black shoes to school (not trainers).



May I remind you that all items of clothing should be appropriately labelled.

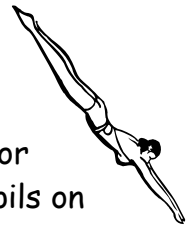
The school uniform is now available throughout the year from Select Schoolwear, Ballymena.

Uniform Recycling

Please bring in any school uniform you no longer require for re-sale by the PTA. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Swimming Programme

This year's swimming programme commences for Primary 6 pupils on Tuesday 8th September. Primary 7 and Primary 5 will be participating in the School's Swimming Programme in the Spring and Summer terms respectively.



New Pupils for Tuition on String Instruments (P4) Wind Instruments (P4&5) and Percussion (P5-7)



Any parent wishing their child to be considered for music tuition (Strings - P4

Woodwind & Brass - P4 & P5 & Percussion P4-P7) should make their request in writing to Mrs McCombe by Friday 4 September 2009. Peripatetic staff will assess the children's suitability to receive tuition. As the availability of woodwind and brass instruments is limited we will not be able to accommodate all requests. Please note there is a charge for tuition (payable in September) and also for hire of musical instruments.

Music Exams

The following children were successful in *Associated Board Exams* in June 08.

Megan McKane, Erica McAuley, Andrew Coster, Ross McCluney & Joshua Park.

Congratulations to all.

School Stationery

It would be helpful if each child could bring his/her own pencils, colouring pens/pencils, eraser, ruler and pritt stick glue.



P7 E&M Club

Children in Primary 7 have the opportunity of attending a weekly English and Maths after school Club commencing Thursday 3 September (3.00-4.00pm). The club will be taken by Mr Church and Miss McMullan. Further details to follow.

Child Protection - Consent Forms

As part of our Child Protection Policy we ask you to read the attached document regarding Consent Forms and complete and return to school the relevant pro formas by Friday 4 September.

Policy for Use of Computers / Internet

Parents and children must all be aware of our policy concerning Responsible Computer/ Internet Use. Please read the attached policy and return completed pro forma to school by Friday 4 September.

Child Protection / Volunteers

In accordance with the school's Child Protection Policy I would ask all parents who would be interested in assisting voluntarily in any aspect of school life (PTA, Transport, Library, School Visits etc.) the relevant Criminal Record Check Form of Authority (available from office). Please return to school by Friday 4 September.

Calendar 2009/2010

A calendar for the school year has been attached. *Please note The exceptional closure planned for 1 June 2010 has now been re-scheduled to Monday 7 June 2010.*

Arrival in School (8.45-9am)

School doors will be opened at 8.45 am. Pupils should not arrive before this time when formal supervision begins. Children will enter through the main entrance adjacent to their classroom. Mrs Barnes' Primary 4 and Mr Church's P7 pupils will walk to the rear of the school and enter their mobile classroom.

Pupils should leave coats and school bags in the cloakroom and then proceed to the playground.

Children must always bring a coat to school for outside play in inclement weather conditions

On very wet days (8.45-9am) all children will remain in their classrooms.

End of School Day

Please refer to the arrangements for the End of the School Day which have been detailed in the attached document "Child Protection - Consent Forms"

Car Parking

When leaving children off in the morning and collecting again in the afternoon I would ask parents to show consideration to local residents by not obstructing driveways.



Visitors to School

To ensure safety of pupils we ask that all visitors (parents/friends/teachers /NEELB personnel) report

to the office on entry to the school.

Dinner Money

Primary 1 -7 children will have the option of choosing a set dinner costing £2.20.

P1-3 pupils pay each week's dinner money on a Monday morning (or the first day of the school week).

Primary 4-7 will pay directly to the canteen on a daily basis. Please ensure children bring sufficient money to school each day for dinners.

The monthly menu can be viewed on the school website

School Milk Scheme

Pupils have the opportunity of purchasing milk within the EC Milk Scheme. 1/3 pint cartons will cost 14p. The total payment for the school year will be £23.50 and should be paid by Wednesday 16 September. There will be no refunds for absent days. Please complete the pro forma granting your child permission to purchase



milk for this term. Milk will be available from Monday 21 September.

Savings Scheme

The Bank of Ireland will no longer be collecting savings on a weekly basis. Children with existing accounts may continue to save with the Bank of Ireland.



Healthy Eating

At Carniny Primary School we want to encourage healthy eating among staff and pupils at break time.



In 2008 we consulted with parents and staff and as a result adopted a Healthy Breaks Policy.

We worked with health professionals to develop this policy.

The Board of Governors is committed to this policy.

The Healthy Eating Policy has been attached.

We ask for your support.

The school will be working in partnership with the

School Meals Kitchen to promote healthier eating in the school meals.

Drinking Water

We realise the health and educational benefits of allowing children to drink still water (with no additives) during the school day.



We encourage children to bring their own bottled water to school. Drinking bottles are available for purchase from the school office at a cost of £2.

Pupils Record Changes

I wish to remind parents of the importance of notifying the school of any changes to pupil records during the school year. (address, telephone number, emergency contact numbers, mobile phone numbers etc.).

Website

Please remember to access our school website during the year:

www.carninyprimary.co.uk

Any suggestions regarding the website will be greatly appreciated.

Our Daily Updates page provides up to date information on current events/clubs etc

School Handbook

Parents of new pupils have received a copy of the School Handbook.

Additional copies of the Handbook may be obtained from the office or downloaded from the school website.

Club Afternoon

Each Friday afternoon P4-7 pupils will continue to have the opportunity of participating in a range of clubs from 2-3pm.

P4/5 Clubs:
Craft, Dance/ Drama,
Cookery, ICT

P6/7 Clubs: Science,
Technology, First
Aid/Heartstart, Cookery,
Environment,

All children will experience the full range of clubs detailed above during the school year. I am confident they will all

benefit from and enjoy the new range of activities.

The school would appreciate a one-off voluntary contribution of £5 towards consumables.

Raymond Ross(Principal)

