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Dear Parent/Guardian

29/08/19



### Welcome

We warmly welcome all our pupils and parents back after the Summer break. We especially welcome any new pupils joining us for the first time and trust they will feel part of our school family.

### School/P.E. Uniform

We want to remind everybody that *school uniform is COMPULSORY and black shoes must be worn daily (strictly no trainers)*. P4-P7 PE uniform should be *clearly labelled* and left in school every Monday. P1-P3 will come dressed in P.E. uniform on allocated days by their teacher. If you feel you may be entitled to a grant towards School Uniform/School Meals, you can make enquiries through the Education Authority website [www.eani.org.uk](http://www.eani.org.uk) or links on our school Facebook Page. We also have some secondhand uniform in excellent condition available. Please enquire through the school office.

### Parental Support

As a small rural Primary School, we rely on parental support to run many events. An *informal* get together will be organised later in September to discuss how we can

continue to raise funds and support school. **Contact Mrs Dawn Park (Parent Governor Rep. Tel: 07734 283141)** to get involved and be kept up-to-date.

We continue to seek parental volunteers to open and close our Community Play Park on a Rota basis. Some of our older volunteers are no longer able to fulfil this role and your community needs your help. If you could spare a little time, please contact **Olga Whitten Tel: 07834 525866**. Your help will be greatly appreciated and ensure that the park is open/closed on time.

### **Healthy Eating Policy**

We are keen that your child eats healthy during school hours. We are fortunate to have delicious healthy school dinners cooked on site and continue to offer a healthy break through our School Meals kitchen (only £1.50 per week with a choice of 2 portions of either fruit, scone, toast or pancake. Milk costs 50p per week).



If your child is bringing their own break or a packed lunch, it should also be healthy and balanced. Our school Eco Club this year are encouraging ALL packed lunches to be 'package free' so that no waste is placed in our school bins. **ALL children are encouraged to bring bottled water daily which aids concentration and hydration.**

### **Investment in Resources**

With your help we are close to finalising payment for the children's new desks and chairs in all classrooms. Thank-you to Mrs Johnston and our School Pupil Council who raised funds to purchase new reading books for our Upper Key Stage 1 pupils. In 2019-21 we will target the development of an outdoor learning environment at Foundation Stage, having already purchased a mud kitchen and 3 activity stations. We also need to update our ICT computer suite and resources ie. Interactive Whiteboards, cabling and projectors.

## Parking

All parking for our School and Bawn Bunnies Playgroup is outside our school gates due to child safety. The car park is strictly for staff and delivery vehicles only. Bawn Bunnies pupils must enter through their own door each morning which opens at 8.45am, even if an older brother or sister attends school.

## Delivery of N.I. Curriculum

Year groups cover the same curricular programme over the Academic Year. Please note, however, that there will be occasions when year group classes cover specific curricular aspects/topics at different times for reason of classroom organisation, resource availability, etc.

## Keeping Up-To-Date

Checkout or download our school website calendar at [www.hamiltonsbawnps.com](http://www.hamiltonsbawnps.com) to find out about upcoming events. We will also use our website App which you can download onto your smartphone, text service and letters to keep you informed. Notices and updates will also feature on our school Facebook Page but will not feature photographs of your children. You need to search for our school name and send a request to the administrator if you wish to gain access to the page and newsfeed.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's education, please contact their teacher to make an appointment. If you need further support or advice, an appointment can be made to speak to me through our school secretary Valerie or by email to:

[info@hamiltonsbawnps.hamiltonsbawn.ni.sch.uk](mailto:info@hamiltonsbawnps.hamiltonsbawn.ni.sch.uk)

Let's work together to make this an amazing year!

D. HUTCHINSON

Principal

