

# September Newsletter

## Dates for your Diary

1st Sept 2023	Dinners and transport available.
1st Sept 2023	Visiting Author
11th Sept	Homework will begin
12th Sept	Credit Union savings
22nd Sept	Edwena Thompson retirement
25th Sept	Staff Development Day— <b>Children should not attend</b>
30th Oct—3rd Nov	<b>Half term</b>
6th Nov	Children return to school
22nd Dec	End of term—School closes at 12 noon



Welcome back to the new school term! The teachers have been busy preparing for the new school year and we are very excited to have the children back. We are all looking forward to another busy year. I wish to extend a very warm welcome to our new children and their families, Eglinton PS is a very friendly place and I know everyone will settle in very quickly.

## Uniform

The children look so smart in their school uniform – a big 'thank you' to parents and guardians for your continued support of the school uniform policy.

- ◇ Green sweatshirt with the school logo
- ◇ White polo shirt
- ◇ Grey skirt or trousers
- ◇ **Black** shoes—please ensure soles and logos are also black.



We are very conscious of the cost involved in buying school uniform. To this end we would ask you to ensure that sweatshirts, coats etc are clearly named - whenever there are a number of un-named sweatshirts found in the classroom or playground, it is practically impossible to return them to the correct owner.

We do not want a child bringing home a well-loved, well-worn sweatshirt instead of the brand spanking new one they came to school in! (If you use a laundry pen/marker, remember to check regularly that the name hasn't become removed after washing).

Please remember **school uniform should be worn everyday**. On days the children have PE or if they are attending an afterschools club they will change before the activity. Plimsoles or non marking trainers are necessary footwear for Physical Development and Movement. These should be kept in school. Children are asked to bring plimsoles and tracksuit bottoms/shorts for Physical Development and Movement.



**N.B.** It is essential that all of the above items are **permanently named** so that the children can identify their own belongings after activities such as P.E. and play.

## Attendances/ Absences

Parents are asked to support School as we focus on our attendance figures. If children have to miss school due to illness or for any other reason, parents are asked to inform the class teacher through the report absence button on the school website. This sends an email directly to the class teacher. All absences have to be recorded in our attendance module. Thank you for your support with this. Parents are encouraged to ensure all family holidays are booked to coincide with school holidays.

## School time.

School begins at 9:00am and all children should be in class ready to start the day at this time. Classroom outside doors are open from 8:45 (supervision in the classroom cannot be guaranteed before this time). Children arriving before this should go to the Hall for breakfast club.



## Nut Allergy



Please be advised that children in school have been identified as having a severe nut allergy. As you will be aware, allergies can be very serious and can have life threatening consequences. Therefore, we must have your co-operation to manage this and keep all of the children safe and well.

We ask that children do not bring peanuts or any food or sweets containing peanuts to school. Don't forget Peanutbutter or Nutella sandwiches as well as some cereal bars are unsuitable.

We will continue to avail of the advice and support of the school nurse in this matter and will keep parents fully informed. Thank you for your support.

## Free School Meals

If you think that your child may be entitled to Free School Meals, you can apply online at [eani.org.uk](http://eani.org.uk)

Parents entitled to Free School Meals may also apply for a uniform grant. Parents requiring assistance with this process should contact the office.

Please note that meals will have to be paid for until the application/ renewal process has been completed.

## Dinner Money

Dinners cost **£2.60** per day or **£13:00** per week. Money should be paid on the school money app. The menu has changed slightly, and can be found on the school website. Dinners will be served from Friday 1st September.

## SPARK AND BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast supervision will begin from Wednesday 30th August. This should be booked on the school money app. Breakfast will be available from Friday 1st September.

SPARK CLUB will resume on Monday 4th September. Bookings can be made through the school money app.



## CREDIT UNION SAVINGS

Faughanvale Credit Union School Savings Scheme will resume every Tuesday from 12th September. Any pupil who wishes to start the scheme can get an application form from the school office or the Credit Union. All pupils previously registered for the scheme, can continue to save as normal.