

# **Bready Jubilee Primary School- September 2021**

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you have had a restful summer break and I am sure both you and your children are ready for the routine of the new school year. Like every September, children have returned to school full of positivity and it has been lovely to welcome them back to school. I would also like to take this opportunity to officially welcome all our new pupils to our wonderful little school.

Unfortunately COVID 19 and the disruption it brings has not gone away and with the high numbers of infection in the country at the moment it will cause disruption to school life at some stage. When it does happen we will follow the most up to date guidance from the PHA and Department of Education with the hope of causing as little as possible disruption to school life.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Bogle

## **COVID 19**

Although we at school have not faced it yet, I am sure you have heard from the press and other sources the pressure that schools within Northern Ireland are facing due to COVID 19. Please continue to communicate effectively with us informing us of any symptoms your child might be showing, if you have decided to take a test for your child and if anyone else in your household has COVID 19 or is going for a test. In school we continue, and will do for the foreseeable future, with the mitigations in place from the beginning of last year.

In case of the need to inform you of your child coming into close contact with a positive case of COVID 19 please ensure to return data collection sheets so that we have an up to date telephone number so we can contact you if necessary.

## **School Meals**

School meals from our canteen will be provided from Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September. All those who are eligible for Free School Meals ensure your application is completed as soon as possible. Until your application is passed by the EA Meals and Uniform department any child wishing to have school meals will be required to pay for their meals.

Please see the school Facebook page for more information on Free School Meals or visit [www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals-uniform-grants](http://www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals-uniform-grants). If you think you are entitled, contact us at school and we will be happy to assist you with the application process. Free School Meals have a big positive impact on our school budget so even if you don't require them, but are entitled, please apply anyway as we will be allocated more money to our school budget.

## **Child Protection Leaflet**

Along with this newsletter we have sent our school child protection leaflet. Please take time to read this important document and don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about its contents.

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### **MacMillan Coffee Morning**

Although the official date of MacMillan Coffee morning is Friday 24th September, due to swimming lessons in P5/6 we will be having our school coffee morning on Friday 17th September. Like last year, we will have our coffee morning in class bubbles and we ask that children bring a small donation for this very worthwhile cause.

### **PATHs**

This year our school will be introducing a new aspect to our PDMU (Personal Development and Mutual Understanding) curriculum called PATHs (Promoting Alternative THinking strategies). The main aim of the PATHs Programme is to promote positive mental health and emotional well-being in school and in most classes the pupils will have one PATHs lesson a week. As a parent you can find out more about the PATHs curriculum at the link below:

<http://www.pathseducation.co.uk/>

The PATHs curriculum was introduced to all pupils in assembly on Monday and we have linked a new house point system to a well used motto used throughout PATHs- ***'Treat others as you would like to be treated yourself.'*** Where we see children doing this they will be given a house point for their assigned house- Sollus, Sandville, Gribben or Grange. House points will be added up within classes and the totals for each house will be announced every Friday in assembly. The house with the most points at the end of the year will be crowned the House Champions.

### **First Aid**

When we need to treat minor bumps and bruises in the playground, staff will record the incident in our accident report book and parents will be given a copy of this report. This information will include what happened, who dealt with it and what first aid was administered. When you receive this we ask that you sign the slip and return it to school for our records.

Of course, for more serious injuries or head bumps (risk of potential concussion) we will call parents to make you aware.

### **Dates for the Diary**

- **Friday 17th September:** MacMillan Coffee Morning
- **Monday 25th - Friday 29th October:** Half term break- School Closed

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