

ST FRANCIS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

**24 DONARD VIEW ROAD
LOUGHBRICKLAND
BANBRIDGE
CO. DOWN
BT32 3LN**



☎ 028 4062 8044

Fax: 028 4062 8044

E.Mail: info@stfrancis.aghaderg.ni.sch.uk

5th September 2019

Dear Parents,

I hope that you and your family have enjoyed a pleasant summer and that your child is looking forward to the new academic year. I would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new Primary 1 children and wish them and their parents an enjoyable and rewarding experience in St Francis' Primary School.

Morning Club Our new Morning Club, which operates from 8:00am until 8:45am, started this week. The Morning Club, costs £1 per pupil per day and is open to all pupils for single days or the full week. See the school website or contact the school for further details.

Morning Supervision Only children who are attending the Morning Club (or who travel to school by EA funded bus) should be in school before 8.45am. **No** supervision is provided for other children in school until 8.45am.

School Mass Parents and family members are invited to attend a Mass to celebrate the new academic year on Friday 4th October at 10.00am in St Patrick's Church, Loughbrickland.

St Francis' PTA The Annual General Meeting of the PTA will be on Tuesday 17th September starting at 7.30pm. Involvement in the PTA will offer all parents, especially parents of Primary 1 children, the opportunity to meet and become involved in the school community.

Bus Club The Bus Club operates primarily for children who live more than 2 miles from the school. The charge for the Bus Club is £7.50 per family per week, irrespective of the number of days your child attends. Please contact the school if you believe the Bus Club applies to your child.

Spanish Classes Spanish lessons will continue to be offered to Primary 2 – 5 classes with our tutor, Patricia. Parents of children receiving the Spanish lessons are asked to make a voluntary contribution of £5 per child per term.

Curriculum night: This year's Curriculum night will be on Tuesday 24th September from 7.00pm. You will receive more details in a separate letter.

Mobile Library: The mobile library will visit the school every second Monday starting from Monday 16th September. All pupils who have a library card can use the library. Application forms for a library card are available from the school office.

Flu Vaccination: The Flu vaccination will be administered on Thursday 19th November. Forms will be issued later.

Break/Dinners: School meals should be ordered and paid for at the beginning of each week; the cost of a school dinner remains **£2.60**. Children taking lunch, but wishing to take a dessert (fruit, biscuit/cookie/cupcake, custard, etc.) can now do so, stand-alone desserts cost 30p which is payable to Pauline. Morning break/snack is available from the kitchen at a cost of 30p. Options include: scones, cheese & crackers, fruit, yoghurt each day; toast is also available from Monday to Thursday with pancakes on Fridays. Break or dinner money should be put in a purse, wallet or clearly marked envelope.

After-Schools Clubs The school has operated a range of afterschool clubs; this year we are extending drama to Key Stage 2 and adding yoga. After-Schools activities are:

	2.00 – 3.00pm	3.00 – 4.00pm
	<u>P1 - P3</u>	<u>(P4 - P7)</u>
Monday	Drama	Drama
Tuesday	EVOS soccer	EVOS soccer
Wednesday	Feeney GAA	Feeney GAA
Thursday	Yoga	Yoga
		Ukelele (P4-P7; 3.00 – 3.45pm)

Finally, you will receive, or already have received, a number of letters and data collection sheets including a request for updated contacts. **Please ensure that the school has up to date contact, medical and transport details.** If you have any queries over these please contact the school for more information.

Yours sincerely

Donal McNally
(Principal)