

Acorn Integrated Primary School, Nursery Unit and Playgroup



Notes week beginning 5 October 2020

Website: www.acornips.com



Thank you for all the steps that you are continuing to take to keep our school community as safe as possible. If you or your child are displaying symptoms of COVID-19 do not come into school and follow the advice on the PHA website.

<https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/covid-19-coronavirus>

School Photographs: From the school photographer: 'I have uploaded the Acorn Integrated PS images online and any parent who registered should receive an email generated by my system. If any parents query not receiving an email its always best to check their spam folder just in case, they should have a link in the email for them to follow and complete the setup of their account and then they can view their images. '

Uniform: At present, we have relaxed the uniform rules. If you wish your child to wear an Acorn polo shirt instead of a long sleeved shirt that is acceptable. A reminder, if younger children are wearing long sleeved shirts then please undo the cuff buttons so that they can push their sleeves up to wash their hands. Ties do not have to be worn.

As part of our return to school, we keep classroom windows open at all times. This allows adequate ventilation. This will become more challenging as the weather gets colder. Could we suggest that you purchase a navy fleece for your child to wear indoors over their uniform? It is not necessary for the fleece to have the Acorn logo. Suppliers in the town are being informed of this change.

Parent Teacher Meetings:

In light of the current circumstances, we are unable to facilitate face to face meetings. Teachers will contact you if there are any new concerns regarding your child settling in/academic performance or other issues. It is planned that we will have face to face meetings in the Spring Term.

We traditionally have curriculum meetings at this time of year to allow you to get an overview of what is expected in your child's year group. This information will now be sent to you before half term via our Teachers to Parents email service.

Movie and Munch

We plan to have a Movie and Munch on the last day of this half term (23 October) taking place in each child's classroom. As we cannot share food, please send in a small Ziploc bag of sweets and a small drink.

Reminder SEESAW: please note that Seesaw is primarily for the teachers to use to communicate class messages to you. If you need to pass on a message to a teacher this now must be done through the school office. School office opening times are 9.00am – 3.00pm, phone number 02893 360115. Messages will be responded to after teaching has finished for the day or as the teacher is available. **Teachers should not be contacted in the evenings or at weekends please.**

Please do not call into the school office unless your information is of an urgent nature e.g. child protection. In this case, please follow the procedure of using the sanitiser provided, wearing a mask, standing at the marked line at the office, not touching the glass and Mrs French will pass on the message to the relevant member of staff.

Every adult visitor must wear a mask if entering the school building.

Google Classroom (Primary 4 – 7) These classes will be using this platform as needed for class and home work as pupils cannot share text books or bring them home as per school restart guidance, unless the items are quarantined. All relevant texts have been scanned to your child's online classroom. We would like you to receive notification of when work is posted and the contributions that your child is making. Your child will have their own username and password which can be used both in school and at home. The school website has useful information should your child have difficulty logging in.

ACTION REQUIRED: In order to do this please email the following to info@acornintegratedps.carrickfergus.ni.sch.uk: I (your name) give my permission for Acorn Integrated Primary School to allow my email to be added to the Google Classroom platform to allow me to see notifications to my child's account.

Important Dates

Flu immunisations are taking place in school on Wednesday 21 October 2020.

Half term holiday

School finishes at 12 noon on Friday 23 October unless staying for school dinner, these pupils will stay until 12.30pm.

School is closed for pupils from Monday 26 October until Friday 30 October.

School reopens on Monday 2 November 2020 at 8.40am.