



Buick Memorial Primary School Newsletter

Friday 30th August 2019



Welcome to all of our new pupils and parents and to those returning for another wonderful year at Buick too! We have developed strong communication links with parents via this weekly newsletter and our website and Facebook pages. Please keep up to date with all activities and events planned for the children throughout the year via these means online. Today we have sent all SIMs contacts the online link to the weekly newsletter via our text messaging service. Please save this link to your phone and check each Friday afternoon. Parents who cannot access the newsletter online can pick up a printed copy each week from the school office at 2pm or 3pm.

We are now entering a new three-year cycle in our School Improvement Plan. As part of this, we will be gathering feedback from all stakeholders to ensure that we are continuing to drive Buick forward and provide the best educational experiences for our children, in very challenging times within the Northern Ireland education system. Further details and online questionnaire links will follow once the children have settled into their new classes and routines.

Staffing

At this time of year, it is always beneficial to share with parents the changes within our staffing. After many years' service, Mrs Todd (33 years' service) and Mrs McCluggage (29 years' service), have come to the end of their time here at Buick. We would like to wish them both good health and happiness in the future.

As part of their departure, we will be having a special event to celebrate the commitment and dedication of both teachers. During their time, both teachers have taught many children in the Cullybackey community. If you would like to make a donation to their farewell gifts, please send money in a labelled envelope or alternatively leave donations into the school office. Thank you in advance.

Our new school structure for this session is as follows:

Nursery - Mrs Gault and Mrs Kelly

Primary 1L - Mrs Shirlow

Primary 1S - Miss Stirling

Primary 2GC - Mrs Gamble (Monday, Tuesday & Friday) and Mrs Carleton (Wednesday and Thursday)

Primary 3/2CH - Mrs Hunter (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday) and Mrs Connolly (Thursday and Friday)

Primary 4/3M - Miss Magrath

Primary 4G - Ms Gibson

Primary 5M - Miss McLaughlin

Primary 6/5M - Mrs McCleery

Primary 6Q - Mrs McQuiston (Monday - Thursday) and Miss Allen (Friday)

Primary 7B - Mr Beattie

Primary 7K - Mrs Kyle

Our P1 Classroom Assistant is Mrs Lynn and P2 Classroom Assistant is Miss Harkin.

Our Special Needs Assistants are Mrs Steele, Mrs Rainey, Ms McLaughlin, Mrs Barr, Mrs Johnston and Mrs Glover

AQE Registration

Primary 7 parents are reminded that AQE Registration is still open. Please ensure you have registered your child for the AQE Transfer in November. Please visit www.aqe.org.uk for further registration information. This registration is a parental responsibility and the school cannot complete such applications. **The closing date for submission is Friday, 6th September, 2019.**

Free School Meals

We have a number of children enrolled within the school who would be entitled to free school meals but are not registered as such.

If your child is not currently on the 'Free Meals Register' and you feel that they could/should be please visit www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals to make an application. For uniform allowances, please apply at the following link:

www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/school-uniform-allowance

Please ensure all applications for Uniform Allowance and Free School Meals are submitted as soon as possible.

Allergies

We have a number of pupils in school with allergies to particular foods such as nuts. We respectfully ask parents to think carefully about what items they give to their child for a snack at break time. Please encourage healthy eating and avoid sending nut products into the school environment to minimise the risk of anaphylactic reactions. Your co-operation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Summer Postcards

Thank you to everybody who sent us postcards over the summer break! We have truly enjoyed reading about your adventures and have already shared these with the whole school as part of our Citizenship programme.

Dining Centre

The Dining Centre will re-open on Monday 2nd September and will serve a selection of healthy meals at a cost of £2.60 per lunch. Pupils can select which days they would like to use this facility as numbers are collated on a daily basis. Please ensure your child knows their personal arrangements.

At break time, children in P3-P7 can buy healthy snacks from the Dining Centre. Help and guidance will be offered to those using this system for the first time. A copy of the new Dining Centre Menu has been distributed today as part of this newsletter. This new menu has been implemented by School Meals and will be the same across all primary schools in Northern Ireland. We will begin with Week 1 Menu on Monday 2nd September.

Attendance

We will continue to complete Attendance each morning electronically via SIMS. It is imperative that all children are in school on time each day and prepared for the school day, ready to start learning at 9:05am. Our Education Welfare Officer will continue to monitor attendance at Buick. Any child whose attendance falls below 85% will be contacted.

Uniform

The children look incredibly smart in their new dark brown uniforms. We hope to sustain this standard of presentation throughout the school session. **Could all parents please ensure that their child wears black or brown shoes to school and has a separate pair of gym shoes for P.E?** It is important to have your child's uniform and shoes labelled clearly with their name as these can easily be muddled up within a primary school environment. Thank you in advance.

Brown jogging bottoms for P.E. were introduced to ease the pressure on many parents to purchase new designer sportswear and to promote consistency throughout the school. Children should continue to wear their tracksuit bottoms to school on their specified P.E. day. This will provide ease of changing and will allow more time to be spent actively participating in P.E.

We recognise that there has been some difficulty with our suppliers this session and, for this reason, in moving forward, only the school will provide our new polo shirts and jumpers via SEWPRO. This way we can guarantee the colour and quality of the uniform.

There will be specific opportunities for parents to purchase their child's uniform from the school. We will open the school shop again in January and in June. Select Kidz will no longer be supplying jumpers or polo shirts for the school. Your understanding and support in this matter is greatly appreciated.

The School Day

Children arriving for the Breakfast Club at 8:30am should enter by the side door at the left hand side of the building as you enter from Main Street. They should proceed to the Dining Centre where they will be supervised by Miss Peters until 8:45am.

The other side doors will open at 8:45am to allow children the opportunity to leave their belongings in their classrooms before engaging in outdoor exercise in the playground.

P1/2 pupils should use the door to the left hand side as you walk into the back playground and P4/3M and P4G pupils should use their door which is situated straight ahead as you enter the back playground. Pupils in P5, P6 and P7 should enter the school via the entrance at the front right hand side of the building.

Primary 1 parents should continue to drop their children off at the Primary 1 area to encourage their settlement in the school routine.

We strive to encourage independence here at Buick; therefore Primary 2 - Primary 7 parents should say 'goodbyes' to their child at the school gates or, if needed, the appropriate entrance door from Monday 2nd September.

Parents should not enter the school building in the morning as this is a Child Protection matter and your co-operation is greatly appreciated. Parents who wish to speak with the Class Teacher should telephone the school office to make an appointment.

School starts promptly at 9:05am. Latecomers must enter the school via the front office for registration purposes. At other times, children should not enter the school via the front door, unless parents are reporting to the school office. Adults will not be granted access throughout the school to take their child to their classrooms.

When collecting your child at home time, please arrive at the correct time as it can be distressing for children when there is nobody there for them. **We will be implementing our collection procedure in the back playground from Monday 2nd September 2019.** This will require parents to stand away from the school building and await each class being brought out. The children will stand in a line and their class teacher will look for a family member and release children one at a time. Children will not be allowed to leave the class line until the teacher has identified the person collecting that child. As you will appreciate, it is very difficult for class teachers to see all parents in our vast playground and we appreciate your co-operation in this Child Protection matter.

Primaries 5, 6 & 7 will continue to exit the building from the front side door onto Main Street.

We would kindly ask parents to park responsibly and not on the zig-zag or yellow lines on Main Street. Children's safety is of paramount importance and we need full co-operation in this matter. We appreciate that parking at the back of the school can also be difficult at times; however, it is essential that no-one parks in bus spaces.

If your child normally travels home on the 2pm bus, please inform the class teacher and they will ensure that your child is released from class accordingly.

Just a little reminder that P3 pupils finish at 2pm every day until Friday 13th September. From Monday 16th September they will be in school until 3pm each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and 2pm each Thursday and Friday.

Pets

Please do not bring dogs into the school playground as some children have allergies to fur and it is a health and safety matter. Our children play openly in the playgrounds which must remain clean and tidy at all times. Your understanding is greatly appreciated.

Travelling by Bus

On Monday we will distribute bus passes to children. We currently have 3 buses in operation via Ulsterbus and Causeway Coach Hire. It is essential that children fasten their seatbelts and sit appropriately throughout their journeys to and from school. Parents should continue to reinforce this expectation at home. Applications for a bus pass can be made at the following link: www.eani.org.uk/i-want-to/apply-for-school-transport/

After School Clubs

This year, we plan to provide a few new clubs and activities for our pupils. **Buick Ju-Jitsu Club** will continue each Tuesday throughout the year. Mr Beattie and Mrs Lynn are eager to get the boys' football training underway this term alongside a girls' team, coached by Miss Magrath. Further information about all clubs will follow over the coming weeks.

In The Community

This week we have received a number of flyers to promote clubs and activities outwith the school. **It is beneficial for children to have interests beyond the school and we actively encourage them to join clubs and societies to further their personal skills and abilities. Please see the flyers for further information.**

Squirrels, Beavers and Cubs

1st Cullybackey Squirrels and Beavers will recommence on Monday 16th September at 6:30pm - 7:30pm in Cunningham Church Hall. This Club is for boys and girls aged 4-6 and 6-8.

Cubs will start back on Friday 20th September at 6:30pm - 8pm for ages 8-10. For further information, please see their Facebook page.

The four short days at Buick have allowed the children to settle back into their sleeping patterns and for new school rules and routines to be established. From Monday 2nd September the Dining Centre and the buses will be in operation again.

We look forward to an exciting year ahead!

Kind regards,
R. Peters
(Acting Principal)

Additional Information Distributed to Children

- * Milk Note P1-P4 (P1-P4) & Milk Booklet (P1)
- *Swimming Note (P6)

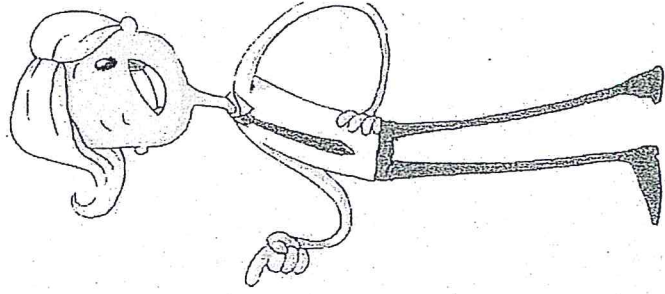
PRIMARY MENU - 2019 (CHOICE) - MENU A

school food

Try Something New Today
www.schoolfoodni.com

Bread, salad, fruit, yoghurt, milk and water are available daily.

If you require any additional information on allergens or special diet please contact the school in the first instance



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week One	Spaghetti Bolognese & Herb Bread OR Oven Baked Sausages, Carrots, Sweetcorn, Mashed Or Baked Potatoes Apple Sponge & Custard Cottage Pie Or Savoury Mince OR Stuffed Bacon Rolls, Broccoli, Turnip, Mashed Potato Or Pasta Chocolate Pear Sponge & Chocolate Sauce Chicken Curry & Rice OR Chicken Or Cheese Panini, Sweetcorn, Carrots, Mashed Or Diced Potatoes	Baked Gammon, Pineapple & Stuffing, Cabbage, Carrots, Parsley Sauce, Dry Oven Roast & Mashed Potato OR Flakemeal Biscuit, Fruit & Milkshake Chicken Curry, Rice & Naan Bread OR Beef Stew, Sweetcorn, Mixed Vegetables & Mashed Potatoes Fruit Krispie Square, Custard & Fruit Roast Pork & Apple Sauce, Carrots, Cauliflower, Mashed & Dry Oven Roast Potatoes, Stuffing & Gravy OR Chilli Chicken Noodles Milk Pudding & Fruit Roast Beef Or Pork, Carrots, Green Beans, Dry Oven Roast, Mashed Potatoes, Stuffing & Gravy OR Cheese Paninis Fruit & Yoghurt	Homemade Soup, Potato & Bread, Beef Burger & Bap Or Filled Baguette & Side Salad Ice-cream & Fresh Fruit Oven Baked Crumbed Fish, Peas, Sweetcorn, Mashed Potato & Parsley Sauce OR Sauce OR Chicken & Broccoli Bake & Side Salad Fruit & Yoghurt BUFFET: Selection of Sandwiches (Chicken/Cheese/Tuna) Pizza Fingers Cocktail Sausages Carrot Sticks Fruit Muffin & Milkshake Homemade Chicken Goujons OR Bolognese Pasta, Sweetcorn, Mashed Or Herb Diced Potatoes Ice-cream & Fruit	Chicken Curry, Rice & Naan Bread OR Cheese & Tomato Pizza, Baked Beans, Sweetcorn, Mashed Potatoes Or Diced Potatoes Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt Roast Chicken, Stuffing & Gravy, Carrots, Cauliflower Dry Oven Roast & Mashed Potatoes OR Potatoes OR Macaroni Cheese Fruit & Yoghurt Vegetable Pasta Bolognese OR Steak Burger, Onions, Baked Beans, Broccoli, Mashed Or Baked Potatoes Fruit & Yoghurt Cottage Pie Or Savoury Mince OR Salmon Cake & Lemon, Carrots, Peas, Mashed Or Baked Potato Biscuit, Fruit & Milkshake	Oven Baked Crumbed Fish & Lemon OR Chicken Wrap Or Chicken Paninis, Peas, Coleslaw, Mashed Or Chips Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt Chilli Chicken & Salad Wrap OR Oven Baked Sausages, Sweetcorn, Beans, Mashed Potato Or Chips Frozen Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit Oven Baked Fish OR Lasagne, Peas, Salad, Mashed Potato Or Chips Fruit & Yoghurt Oven Baked Sausages
Week Two					
Week Three					
Week Four					

Try Something New Today



ABSENCE NOTIFICATION FORM

Please note - This form must be completed for each period of pupil absence and returned to the school immediately.

Name of pupil: _____

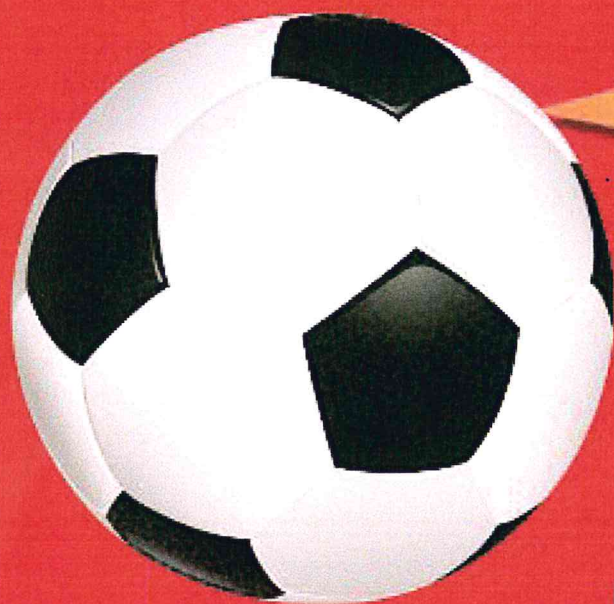
Class & Teacher's name: _____

Date(s) of absence _____

Reason _____

Signed _____ (Parent/Guardian)

Date _____



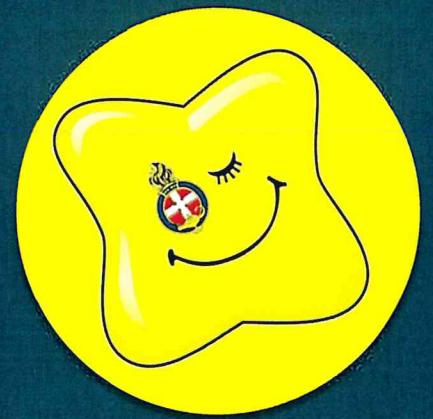
CARNINY

AMATEUR and YOUTH FC

Football Development Centre

For Girls and Boys born 2015, 2014, 2013
Commencing Saturday 21st September 19
11 am - 12 noon
St Louis Grammar School

Enrol at www.carninyyouthfc.co.uk



Are you aged
3+
Join us at
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Interactive Bible stories;

- Fun games;
- Dressing up;
- Singing;
- Messy craft;
- Educational topics
- Dancing.

Killymurriss Presbyterian Church
Friday Nights from 13th September
6.30 P.M.-8.15 P.M.

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