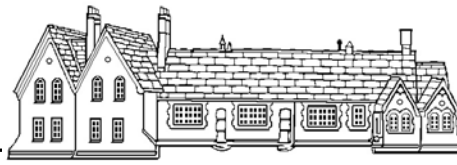


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Dear Parent(s),

I want to offer you all a very warm welcome to a new school year. I hope you have had a very safe and "action packed" summer holiday – the children have been full of chat about their holiday escapades.

As you are already aware, I have taken on the role of Acting Principal. I have been teaching in Culmore Primary School for 20 years now so I have probably been here as long as some of the furniture. I am very lucky to, already, know each and every child from Y2-Y7. I am also very privileged to be teaching our new Year 1 pupils (alongside Mrs Geddes) - they are settling into school life brilliantly and I look forward to getting to know them even better over time.

September is always a busy month for parents, pupils and teachers. We are getting used to school routines again and to new adventures. We are excited to be participating in the Culmore Festival which will be running from 13th-16th September. More information on that will follow in due course.

There has been a slight change to the organisation of classes this year - as was explained last term:

Y1/2/3 Mrs Mc Menamin /Mrs Geddes

Y4/5 Miss Wilson/Mrs Nash

Y6/7 Mr McLaughlin

For the month of **September, pupils in Year 1 will go home at 12.55pm**. They will then remain at school until 2pm from the week commencing Monday 1st October onwards.

Year 2 pupils go home at 2pm every day.

Year 3 pupils go home at **2pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday**. They go home at **3pm on Tuesday and Thursday**. This prepares them for the longer school day next year.

Year 4 – 7 pupils go home at 3pm every day.

Although we have not been lucky enough to avail of Extended Schools funding this year, we are doing our utmost to try to provide clubs for the children. More information regarding clubs will follow in due course but we ask parents to be understanding of the fact that we are limited in the number of staff available to run these clubs.

I would like to remind parents that our main mode of ongoing communication with parents will be via the **"OurSchoolsApp"**. Details of this are on the Culmore PS website under "Parents/Letters". It is **not** advisable to use the **Chrome** website browser when accessing the school website as it restricts access.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, in advance, for your ongoing parental support. Please know that we are a very approachable team here at Culmore PS – if you have any enquiries, feel free to talk to a member of staff. We are happy to help!

Kind Regards,

Clare McMenamin

