



Dromara Primary School



25th October 2017

Closures

School will finish at 1.55 pm on Friday 27th October and reopen on Monday 6th November. We wish everyone a pleasant Hallowe'en holiday.



Parent Interviews

Thanks to all parents who attended interviews this week. This opportunity to share information about your child is important to us.



Eat, Play, Live Well Launch Week

Between 2nd and 6th October, all pupils participated in the 'Eat, Play, Live Well' launch week. There were Healthy Eating Workshops, Dance, EVO sports and Tae Kwon-do, as well as the annual Sponsored Walk. Pre-school also joined us in some of the activities and Ballynahinch Kitchen provided a special menu for the week. We would like to thank everyone who helped make this week a success and we will continue to encourage our children to make healthy choices. Check out the website for some fabulous photos!

Breakfast Club and After-School Club

These clubs are proving very popular and **places need to be booked in advance. Please send the correct cash/voucher amount to tally with the booking slips. It would be very helpful for the office if places could be booked monthly or weekly in advance** (although unused days cannot be carried over, days can be altered if we are notified in advance). Anyone who had places booked for Monday 16th or Tuesday 17th October can carry these forward. Mrs Watson has sent a note home with your child. ***Please note: Breakfast is only served between 8.10 and 8.30 am in the hall. After 8.30 pm, children move to the Library/Classroom.*** If you have any queries, please contact the school office.



Medication

Please complete a "permission to administer medication" form if you wish your child to receive medication in school. This can be obtained from the school office or downloaded from the website. Please do not send medication into school with your child without having a completed permission form.

Pupil Absence

Please telephone the school office if your child is off school or complete an absence slip which should be given to their teacher on the first day of their return. As all absences are recorded and monitored by the Education Welfare Officer, a reason must be provided.

Sponsored Walk



So far £2372.70 has been raised for the school. Thank you so much to everyone who contributed, to all the children who collected money and also to the staff who organised the day and helped to make it such an enjoyable event! The money is used to subsidise school trips and provide class supplies, so every child benefits. Remember - "every little helps"! Any outstanding contributions should be sent into school by Friday 27th October.

Royal British Legion



The school has been invited to host the Poppy Appeal 2017 Launch on Thursday 26th October. Poppies, metal pins, wrist bands and various other items will be on sale in school from Monday 6th November. Thank you to Year 7 in promoting the Appeal throughout the school.



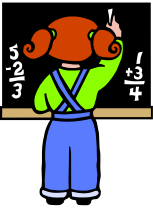
Christmas Craft Fair

Our Annual Christmas Craft Fair will be held on **Thursday 7th December** at 7.00 pm. We do hope you, your family and friends will attend. **School will finish at 1.55 pm.** We will have lots of stalls from external organisations selling a variety of items such as cupcakes, candles, jewellery and craft, with craft making activities for the children. So if you want to get that Christmas gift that you might not find elsewhere, then this is your chance! If you wish to set up a stall, please contact the school office.



Reading Books

Parents are reminded that there is a charge of £5 for lost or damaged reading books.



Year 1 (starting Sept 18) Open Afternoon

Prospective parents are invited to come along to our Open Afternoon on Monday 18th December from 3.30 – 4.30pm. Mr Armstrong will address parents at 3.30 pm and there will be the opportunity to view the school. If you know of anyone who has a child due to start Y1 in September 2018, please let them know about our Open Afternoon —thank you!

Concert

Years 1, 2 and 3 along with Pre-School will be holding a Concert during the week of 18th December. Further details of dates and times available shortly.

PTA News

Years 1 – 4 Hallowe'en parties will take place on Thursday 26th October.

Y1 & 2: 6.15 – 7.15 pm

Y3 & 4: 7.30 – 8.30 pm



Christmas Cards – Your child has designed their own Christmas card (these may have been completed for homework). They will be sent home on Monday 6th November. Please return your order by **Friday 10th**

November; please note wrapping paper and gift tags may **only** be ordered along with a card order and not separately. **Orders will be sent for printing immediately.**



Toasty Tuesday

Toasty Tuesdays will start on Tuesday 7th November and run for the next 4 Tuesdays. If your child would like toast for break, please send 20p per slice required on the Tuesday. This money will be collected by Y7 helpers on that morning and orders taken.

Demonetisation of round £1 coin

The old, round £1 coins ceased to be legal tender on Sunday 15th October 2017. We can therefore no longer accept the round £1 coin.

Halloween Disco

Dromara GAC is running a Fancy Dress Halloween Disco in St Michael's Hall, Finnis on Sunday 29th October from 6.00 – 8.00 pm. Admission £3 and tuckshop available. All children are very welcome.



Text Service and Website

We recently used our text messaging service to alert parents to school closure during storm Ophelia. **If you did not receive a message, please contact the school office as we may need to update your mobile number.**

Check our website www.dromaraps.org for up-to-date information including newsletters, photos, curriculum information and forms which are available to view and download.

Dates to Remember

30th Oct – 3rd Nov

- School closed for holidays

Tuesday 7th November

- 'Toasty Tuesday' begins

Friday 10th November

- deadline for return of Christmas cards

Thursday 7th December

- Christmas Fair, school finishes 1.55 pm

Monday 18th December

- Prospective Year 1 Open Afternoon, 3.30 – 4.30 pm

Wednesday 20th December

- School finishes at 12 noon for pupils in Years 1-3 and their siblings.

All other pupils finish at 12.10 pm. No dinners available.