



# Dromara Primary School



27th November 2018

**THIS IS A VERY BUSY TIME FOR OUR SCHOOL – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND CHECK THE WEBSITE**

## Christmas Craft Fair & Fundraising



We look forward to welcoming you to our Annual Christmas Craft Fair on **Thursday 6th December at 7pm. School will finish at 1.55 pm for all pupils. There will be no After-School Club.** We do hope you, your family and friends will attend. Get that Christmas gift that you might not find elsewhere! Please see the attached letter. We are very grateful to everyone who has supplied prizes for our raffle. These include:

- Car Valet from Robert McMullan
- Ice Bowl Family Pass
- Family Pass Streamvale Farm
- Beauty with Joanna Voucher
- 1 Night B&B in Ramada, Belfast
- Pirate Golf ‘Treasure Bag’, Dundonald
- ‘Today’ Store Voucher
- EVO Soccer Voucher
- Castle Espie
- ‘Andrew Vaughan Photography’ voucher
- W5 Family Pass
- Christmas Cake from ‘The Bread Box’
- Village Grill voucher
- Lisburn Bowl
- Gift from Boots



*With such fantastic prizes, why not purchase extra tickets – please send a note and money into school with your child. £1 per ticket. £5 for 6 tickets. Funds raised benefit all pupils in the school.*

## School Closures



**On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December children in Years 1 – 3 and their siblings will finish at 12.15 pm and all other pupils at 12.25 pm.** School dinners are not available. School will be closed from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December until Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January for Christmas Holidays. We reopen on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January. Please book January Breakfast and After-School Clubs before we finish for Christmas.

## Extra-curricular Activities

Apart from Breakfast and After-School Clubs, there will be no school clubs or extra-curricular activities weeks commencing 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> December (Lisburn Music Centre lessons will continue as arranged with your child). Extra-curricular activities will recommence week beginning Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January. Details will be on the website. Unfortunately, Galaxy Golf had to be cancelled this term due to low uptake. However, while the deadline for booking was Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November, a number of pupils returned booking forms on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November, the day the Club was due to start. **We would ask parents in future to return booking forms by the deadline to allow coaches to plan appropriately.**

**Please remember:** children should not be dropped off at school before 8.55am unless they are attending extra-curricular activities or Breakfast Club. Breakfast Club starts at 8.05 am – although staff may be in school earlier to prepare for the Club, please do not bring your child before this time.

## Royal British Legion

Thank you for your support for the Poppy Appeal. The money has now been collected by the Royal British Legion and £243.28 was raised.



## Year 1 Photographs

The photographs are expected to arrive this week; you will receive a note when they arrive. They will then be available to view/purchase from the school office until 12th December. Cash or cheque (made payable to Opus Digital Ltd) are acceptable.

## Concert

Years 4 & 5 Christmas Play will take place on Wednesday 12th December at 10 am and Thursday 13th December at 7 pm. Tickets are now on sale. A professional recording of the show will be available to buy.

## Book Fair



Our Book Fair will run from Monday 3rd – Wednesday 5th December from 2 – 2.20 and 3 – 3.20 pm. All books, posters and stationery are **half price** and they will also be available at the Craft Fair.

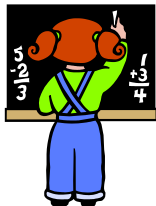
## Christmas Dinner

Christmas Dinner will be on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December. All orders have been forwarded to the kitchen. If your child pays for dinner, please send £2.60 on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December. If you have not ordered a dinner for your child, please ensure you send a packed lunch on 11<sup>th</sup> December. We cannot provide extra meals.



## Year 1 (starting Sept 19) Information Sessions

Prospective parents are invited to come along to one of our two information sessions. These will be held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December from 7 – 8 pm and Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December from 10 – 11 am. There will be an opportunity to view the school, meet staff and receive information about the curriculum and our facilities. The Education Authority has introduced a new **online** application procedure and details will be available at the information sessions. The closing date for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019. If you know of anyone who has a child due to start Y1 in September 2019, please let them know about our Information Sessions — thank you!



## Dromara Pre-School Open Evening

Dromara Pre-School are holding their Open Evening on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00 pm (please note change of date).

## Birthday Cakes

Some parents very kindly send in birthday cakes for the class to share when it is their child's birthday. Please remember that the school is a nut-free zone and if you could send napkins or kitchen roll, that would be much appreciated.

## School Choir

Our choir will be singing at the Dromara Christmas Lights Switch-on on 1<sup>st</sup> December and taking part in the 'Connect' event on 16<sup>th</sup> December. Children will receive further information.

## PTA News

Thank you for your support with the Hallowe'en hampers. As you can see, we raised a huge amount of money so thank you for your generous contributions. We raised £373 and the winners were very happy indeed. A big thank you to all involved in helping out at the Hallowe'en parties and to those who donated sweets - £223 was raised.

## Christmas Jumper Day

Children can wear a Christmas jumper to school on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December for a donation of £1. All money raised will go to School Funds.

## Dates to Remember:

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| Tue 5 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec   | - | Book Fair  |
| Thu 6 <sup>th</sup> December                    | - | Christmas Craft Fair, 7 – 9 pm   |
| Tue 11 <sup>th</sup> December                   | - | Children's Christmas Dinner (if prebooked)                             |
| From 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec                       | - | No extra-curricular activities except Breakfast and After-School Clubs |
| Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> & Thu 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec | - | Christmas Concert  |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> December    | - | Prospective Year 1 Information Sessions                                |
| Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> December                   | - | Christmas Jumper Day (£1);   |
|   | - | School finishes at 12.15 pm for children in Years 1 – 3 and siblings;  |
|   | - | School finishes 12.25 pm for children in Years 4 – 7                   |
| Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> January                     | - | School Reopens   |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> February      | - | Parent Interview Week – please note change of date                     |

