



Dromara Primary School



28th January 2019

Parent Interviews

School will finish for all pupils at 1.55 pm from Monday 4th – Friday 8th February to facilitate parent interviews. A note of your interview time has been sent home with your child. Interviews will be conducted in your child's classroom. Interviews for **all Year 7 pupils** will take place in **Mr Armstrong's office**. Morning and Afternoon Clubs will run as normal. *If you require a place in Afternoon Club, please book early as places are limited.*



School Closure for Half-Term

School will finish at 1.55 pm on Friday 15th February and reopen on Monday 25th February. There will be no Afternoon Club on Friday 15th February.



Enrolment 2019

Thank you to all parents who have submitted their applications for next September. Closing date is Thursday 31st January and applications must be submitted via the EA online portal. Parents will be notified of placement after 9th May.

Board of Governors' Annual Report

Please contact the school office if you wish a copy of the Annual Report to be sent home with your child.

Extra-curricular Activities

There will be no **dodgeball** on Wednesday 6th February. The final dodgeball session with Galaxy Coaching is Wednesday 6th March. There will be no **EVO Soccer** on Thursday 7th February and EVO finishes on Thursday 11th April. **Choir** begins on Wednesday 27th February from 8.35 – 9.00 am for Years 5 - 7. **Netball** begins on Thursday 28th February.

School Nurse

The Year 1 School Nurse visit will take place week commencing 11th February. Further details to follow.

Exceptional School Closures

In the event of heavy snowfall, burst pipes/flooding or electricity/heating failure, a decision will be made as to whether or not the school can open.

Factors that must be considered as per guidance from the Department of Education include:

- Health and safety questions, including:
 - can pupils and staff access the school building safely?
 - can pupils and staff be evacuated in an emergency?
 - in an emergency, could the Emergency Services access the school?
 - is the area designated for disembarkation from transport safe for pupils?
- Transport – can buses, meal deliveries, etc. reach the school?
- If a limited number of staff and pupils can attend, is the Pupil-Teacher Ratio acceptable?



Information will go out to parents at the earliest possible time (hopefully before 7.45am) via text message and a notice will be placed on the school website/Facebook page. If possible, prior to the closure, a note may be sent home with your child. In the event of a sudden need to close the school, we would appreciate you spreading the word with friends/relatives/neighbours.

On some occasions, heavy snowfall during the day may necessitate early closure of the school, in which case a text/Facebook post will inform parents that children should be collected. For some parents, you may decide that early collection of your child is necessary – we understand that and will facilitate this.

Morning Club – if your child is booked into Morning Club, **please ensure that the school is in fact open before dropping them off**. Money will be carried forward for those booked into morning/afternoon club, but school is closed.

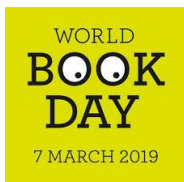
If you have changed your mobile phone number recently and have not informed us, please let the school know as soon as possible. A text will only be sent to the parent listed as Priority No 1 on our system.

Good News Club

The Club continues to run every Wednesday afternoon 3-4pm until end of March. However, on 6th February the Club will be held at 2-3pm.

Number Day

We are planning to hold "Number Day" on Friday 1st February. All children can come to school in a onesie or a top with a number on it. There will be 'maths' fun and games all day with prizes and the cost will be £1.00. Money raised will be donated to the NSPCC.



World Book Day

This year we will celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 7th March. **Come to school dressed-up as your favourite book character and remember to bring your book!** The older children will also read to the younger pupils.

Book Fair

We will be running a Book Fair in school from Tuesday 26th March to Monday 1st April. From the sales of the Book Fair, our school will receive a number of FREE BOOKS for our class libraries. Children can use their £1 World Book Day voucher at the Book Fair which will be situated in the Foundation Stage Resource Area. As well as our opening times, pupils will be given time to have a 'book browse and buy' session with their class teacher.

Opening Times: 2.00 – 2.20 pm, 3.00 – 3.20 pm



Letters and Sounds



Thursday 14th February 2 - 3pm

Informal session on phonics with Mrs Burns. Everyone welcome - Mums, Dads, Grannies, Grandads...

Please let school know by 12th February if you plan to attend.

Dates to Remember:

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| Monday 31 st January | - | Primary 1 Applications Close |
| Friday 1 st February | - | Number Day |
| 4 th – 8 th February | - | Parent Interviews – school finishes 1.55 pm |
| Thursday 14 th February | - | 'Letters and Sounds' – please book a place by 12.2.19 |
| 15 th February | - | School finishes at 1.55 pm, no Afternoon Club |
| 18 th – 22 nd February | - | Half Term Break |
| Thursday 7 th March | - | World Book Day |
| 26 th March – 1 st April | - | Book Fair |
| Friday 12 th April | - | School finishes 12.15 pm for Years 1-3 and siblings and 12.25 pm for all other pupils for Easter Holidays (no Afternoon Club) |
| 15 th – 26 th April | - | Easter Holidays |



**Remember to check the website for up-to-date information
as we aim to reduce photocopying to save money and the environment.**

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