



Dromara Primary School



28th September 2017

Closures

School will finish at 1.55 pm on Friday 27th October for half term and reopen on Monday 6th November.



Parent Interviews

Interviews will be held week commencing 23rd October. *Each pupil will receive one interview time.* Please return your interview reply slip by Thursday 5th October. **School will finish for all pupils at 1.55 pm each day that week.** Dinner will be served as normal.

Year One

Our first year pupils have settled well into school life. From Monday 2nd October they will finish at 1.55 pm and can now avail of the After-School Club. We have arranged to have Year 1 photographs taken by Opus on Tuesday 24th October.



Contacting Staff

In accordance with Child Protection Guidelines, we would ask parents not to enter the school building or accompany their child into school unless they have an appointment. If you wish to speak to a teacher, please contact the office to make an appointment. This will ensure that staff are available to speak to you as they often have other commitments in the mornings and afternoons.

Collection of pupils

Please collect pupils promptly after school and extra-curricular activities as teachers have other duties etc. If you wish to inform the teacher about something, please try to send a note or if regarding your child's work or progress please make an appointment. Details of activities and finishing times are on the website.

Free School Meals



If your child is eligible for Free School Meals and you have not yet applied, please contact the school office as soon as possible. ***If you are eligible, please make sure you apply for Free School Meals even if you think you may not actually use them. The Education Authority takes this into account when calculating the school budget with a deadline of 6th October.***

Money

Thank you for sending money into school in a clearly marked envelope, especially with younger children. Staff cannot accept envelopes or cash in the playground. If you do not want to give money to your child, please bring it directly to the office. It would also be appreciated if the correct amount could be included. Money envelopes can be purchased from the school office.

School Meals, Breakfast Club and After-School Club can be booked weekly or monthly. Cheques are acceptable:

- School Meals cheques should be made payable to the Education Authority.
- Breakfast Club and After-School Club cheques should be made payable to Dromara Primary School.

Booking forms are available on the school website or from the office.

Breakfast Club Vouchers

We are registered with "Employers for Childcare" to enable us to accept payment with childcare vouchers for Breakfast Club. If you wish to use the voucher scheme, please register with "Employers for Childcare". (www.efcvouchers.com) Please also send the booking slip to school indicating which days your child(ren) will attend.

Flu Vaccinations

These will take place on Tuesday 10th October. If you have not returned the permission form, please do so by Wednesday 4th October.

Nut Free Zone

We would remind parents that Dromara Primary is a 'nut free zone'. A number of our pupils have a severe nut allergy and we would ask that no products containing nuts are brought into school.



"Eat, Play, Live Well"

Throughout the week 2nd - 6th October 2017, pupils will have the opportunity to have fun and learn valuable lessons about food, nutrition and exercise. We would like to thank Ballynahinch Kitchen staff who are supplying a special dinner menu for the week. This can be viewed on the website and children can let their teacher know their choice each morning.



Sponsored Walk



This year our Annual Sponsored Walk around the Lagan Park pathway will be held on Friday 6th October. This is one of our main fundraising efforts during the year and all the proceeds will be used for the benefit of all our pupils. Please make an effort to get as many sponsors as possible. Years 1 - 3 will be walking from 1.10 - 1.45 pm and Years 4 - 7 from 2.10 - 2.45 pm and parents are welcome to come along and join in with their children.

PTA Events

Thank you for the great response from everyone who replied to the PTA request for helpers and/or prizes for future events. We will let you know when to send any prizes or if you volunteered your time for events, when they are happening.

- **Toasty Tuesdays**

'Toasty Tuesday' will take place in November. Children can buy a slice of toast at breaktime on Tuesdays at 20p per slice.



- **Hallowe'en Parties for Y1-4 - Thursday 26th October** **£3 per child.**
Y1 -Y2 6.15pm - 7.15pm Y3-Y4 7.30pm-8.30pm

- **Christmas Fair - Thursday 7th December.** Anyone wishing to book a table, please contact the school office.



New Enrolment

Our Open Afternoon for prospective Y1 Sept 18 parents will be held on Monday 18th December from 3.30 - 4.30 pm. If you or someone you know is planning to enrol a child in Dromara Primary School over the next few years, it would be helpful if you could inform the school office. This helps us in planning for future years.

Website and Curriculum Information

Our website, www.dromaraps.org, is kept up to date and is a good way for you to keep in touch. Information such as Newsletters, extra-curricular activities and dinner menu are available. Curriculum information for each class is available on the "Class" pages. If you cannot access the internet, please let the class teacher know and a copy will be sent home with your child.



Dates to Remember

- 2nd - 6th October - "Eat, Play, Live Well" Launch Week
- Friday 6th October - Annual Sponsored Walk
- 23rd October - Parent Interview week, children finish at 1.55 pm each day.
- Thursday 26th October - Hallowe'en Parties
- 30th Oct - 3rd Nov - School closed
- Thursday 7th December - Christmas Craft Fair (children finish school at 1.55 pm)
- Monday 18th December - Open Afternoon Year 1 2017, 3.30 - 4.30 pm