



# Dromara Primary School



29th November 2017

**THIS IS A VERY BUSY TIME FOR OUR SCHOOL – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!**

## Christmas Craft Fair & Fundraising



We look forward to welcoming you to our Annual Christmas Craft Fair on **Thursday 7th 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. We will have lots of stalls from external organisations selling a variety of items including art, candles, homemade crafts and books. There are craft making activities for the Y1 – 4 children (remember to purchase tickets), with games (usually 10p or 20p a go) and karaoke for the older children. So if you want to get that Christmas gift that you might not find elsewhere, then this is your chance!

We are very grateful to everyone who has supplied prizes for our raffle. These include:



- Car Valet from Robert McMullan
- Tenpin Bowling, Dundonald
- Streamvale Open Farm family pass
- Indianaland, Dundonald
- Pebble Picture from Anita Morrison
- Eurospar Voucher
- Ice Skating, Dundonald
- EVO Soccer Voucher
- Beauty with Joanna Voucher
- ‘Today’ Store Voucher
- Castle Espie Pass
- Lisburn Bowl
- Gift from Boots
- Village Grill voucher
- W5 family pass

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

## Closing and extra-curricular activities



**On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December children in Years 1 – 3 and their siblings will finish at 12 noon and all other pupils at 12.10 pm.** This is to ease congestion. There will be no school dinners on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December. Apart from Breakfast and After-School Clubs, there will be no school clubs or extra-curricular activities weeks commencing 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> December. However, Lisburn Music Centre lessons will continue as arranged with your child. Extra-curricular activities will recommence week beginning Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January.

Details will be on the website. School will be closed from Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December until Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January for Christmas Holidays. We reopen on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January.

**Please remember: children should not be dropped off at school before 8.55am unless they are attending extra-curricular activities or Breakfast Club.**

## Sponsored Walk



We would ask that any outstanding contributions be sent in by **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December.** Thank you so much to everyone who has already contributed. *As every child takes part, we hope every family will contribute.*

## Royal British Legion

Thank you for your support for the Poppy Appeal. The money has now been collected by the Royal British Legion and a total of £287.91 was raised.



## Year 1 Photographs

Any remaining photographs will be returned to Opus on 1st December. If you wish to view photographs, please call into the office before this date. Cash or cheque (made payable to Opus Digital Ltd) are acceptable.

## Concert

Tickets are now on sale for our Concert in December. Pre-School, Years 1, 2 and 3 will perform on Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th December at 10am sharp. A professional recording of the show will be available to buy. We would greatly appreciate it if you arrange to stay for the duration of the whole concert which will only last approximately 1 hour. There will be no interval.



### Book Fair

Our Book Fair will run from Tuesday 5th – Friday 8th December. 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 14<sup>th</sup> December. All orders have been forwarded to the kitchen.

If your child pays for dinner and you have not already done so, please send £2.60 on Monday 11<sup>th</sup>

December. If you have not ordered a Christmas Dinner for your child, please ensure you send a packed lunch on 14<sup>th</sup> December. As dinners are delivered from Ballynahinch, we cannot provide extra meals.



### Year 1 (Sept 18) Open Day

Prospective parents are invited to come along to our Open Day on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December from 3.30 - 4.30pm.

Application forms will be available or they can be found on the EA Website, a link to which is on our school website. If you know of anyone who has a child due to start Y1 in September 2018, please let them know about our Open Day—thank you! The closing date for submission of application forms is Wednesday 10th January at 12 noon.



### Dromara Pre-School Open Evening

Dromara Pre-School are holding their Open Evening on Tuesday 12th December at 7.00 pm. This is for parents only.

### 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.

### PTA News

Thank you for your support with the Hallowe’en hampers. We raised £281.50 and the winners were very happy indeed. Thank you to everyone who ordered Christmas cards. I’m sure you will agree they look very professional and we raised £233!

Thank you to the parents who helped with “Toasty Tuesday” - we raised £77 – the children certainly looked forward to their toast!



### Christmas Charity Donations



The staff in School would like to continue to give parents the opportunity to make a donation to charity instead of buying them a Christmas gift. Donations in lieu of gifts can be sent to your child’s teacher. The chosen charity this year is The Northern Ireland Children’s Hospice. Thank you in anticipation of your generosity.

### Christmas Jumper Day

Children can wear a Christmas jumper to school on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December for a donation of £1. All money raised will go to The Northern Ireland Children’s Hospice.

### Website

Remember to check our website [www.dromaraps.org](http://www.dromaraps.org) for up-to-date information, policies and forms. The school lunch menu from January – June 2018 will be uploaded shortly.

### Dates to Remember:

- Tue 5<sup>th</sup> – Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Dec - Book Fair
- Thu 7<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Craft Fair, 7 – 9 pm
- Tue 12<sup>th</sup> & Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christmas Concert, 10 am
- Thu 14<sup>th</sup> December - Children’s Christmas Dinner (if prebooked)
- From 11<sup>th</sup> Dec - No extra-curricular activities except Breakfast and After-School Clubs
- Mon 18<sup>th</sup> December - Prospective Year 1 Open Afternoon, 3.30 – 4.30 pm
- Wed 20<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Jumper Day (£1);
- School finishes at 12.00 for children in Years 1 – 3 and siblings;
- School finishes 12.10 pm for children in Years 4 – 7
- Thu 4<sup>th</sup> January - School Reopens

