



# Dromara Primary School



7<sup>th</sup> January 2019

# Happy New Year

to all parents and pupils



## FACEBOOK and MESSAGES

As you know, we endeavour to keep parents informed of all that is happening in school through our monthly newsletters and website/calendar. We are also now trialling a Facebook page. We are very aware of the impact social media can have and the Facebook page will be for information only such as publishing events and updates. It will not be used for messaging. We would also ask people not to post comments. However, we encourage you to 'like' and 'share' our page. As always, if you wish to contact your child's teacher, please make an appointment with the office.

Office hours are 8.45 am - 12.45 pm and we cannot guarantee that the telephone will be answered or messages will be picked up outside of these times. **Please do not leave a message regarding collection or afternoon club after 12.30 pm.** We would remind parents to carefully read newsletters and make a note of dates and times. Our newsletters and website will remain the primary sources of information.

## Enrolment

Thank you to all those parents (both new and those not so new!) who came along to the Information Sessions in December. It was lovely to meet with you and talk about what we do in Dromara Primary.



*Please note:* all applications must be made online by **31<sup>st</sup> January, even if you have a child already at the school.** It is important that a copy of the child's birth certificate is also brought into school (we can copy it for you in school).

## Attendance

Please remember to telephone/email the school or provide a note if your child is absent. The Department requires us to assign a code for all absences and these are monitored by the Education Welfare Officer who will contact parents where a child's attendance falls within their criteria.



## Morning and Afternoon Clubs

Our newly named Morning and Afternoon Clubs continue as usual. We would remind parents that separate completed booking forms are required for the Morning and Afternoon Clubs as they are used to confirm attendance. One weekly slip per club per family is suitable. Thank you to everyone for your help ensuring the smooth running of these clubs.

*Please remember that breakfast is not available after 8.25 am.*

**Afternoon Club**

## Aladdin

We are delighted to welcome back M&M Productions with their production of "Aladdin". Please see the attached note and return the reply slip by Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January.

## Transfer

Over the coming days Y7 pupils will receive information regarding transfer to post-primary school. Parents will be invited for interview regarding the process in February.

## Number Day

We are planning to hold "Number Day" on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February. Further details to follow.

## Class Tests

These will be held week commencing 21<sup>st</sup> January.



## Parent Interviews & Closures

Interviews will be held week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> February with all pupils finishing at 1.55pm each day that week. There is one interview time per child and forms will be sent home shortly. School will finish at 1.55 pm on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February and be closed for half-term from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.



## Information

Newsletters, notes, booking forms, etc are sent home in your child's homework diary/schoolbag. Please remember to check their schoolbag each evening.

## Dinner Menu

Dinner menu will be uploaded to the website as soon as we receive it from Ballynahinch Kitchen.

## Extra-curricular activities

A list of extra-curricular activities is given below and any updates will be posted on the website. **Please return booking forms promptly and at the latest by the closing date** to allow coaches to plan accordingly. Returning forms late may mean the event has already had to be cancelled due to lack of uptake.

# DROMARA PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Extra-Curricular Activities Jan - Mar 2019

Unless otherwise stated, extra-curricular activities will start **week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> January**.

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	INFO
Monday	3.00 - 3.45 pm	Hockey	Yrs 5 - 7 girls & boys
Tuesday	8.30 - 9.00 am	Gymnastics	Yrs 2 - 3
Tuesday	3.00 - 3.45 pm	ICT Club (Mr Bovis)	Yr 7 up to half term
Wednesday	8.35 - 9.00 am	Choir Commencing after half term on 27th Feb	Yrs 5 - 7
Wednesday	2.00 - 3.00 pm	Galaxy Coaching - Dodgeball 16th Jan - 6th Mar (not 6th Feb)	Yrs 1 - 3
	3.00 - 4.00 pm		Yrs 4 - 7
Thursday	8.30 - 9.00 am	Gymnastics	Yrs 4 - 7
Thursday	3.00 - 3.30 pm	Netball	Yrs 5 - 7 Girls
Thursday	2.00 - 3.00 pm	Evo Soccer 17th Jan - 11th Apr (not 7th Feb)	Yrs 1 - 3
	3.00 - 4.00 pm		Yrs 4 - 7

We would appreciate it if children were dropped off and picked up punctually for the activities they are attending.

**Remember to check the website for up-to-date information as we aim to reduce photocopying to save money and the environment. Why not bookmark it on your mobile.**



[www.dromaraps.org](http://www.dromaraps.org)