



Dromara Primary School



15th December 2021

Christmas Jumper/Accessories can be worn on Friday 17th & Wednesday 22nd December.



Term ends: **Wednesday 22nd December**

Children in Years 1-3 and siblings will leave school at 12.15 pm.

The remaining children in Years 4 – 7 will leave at 12.25 pm.

This is to ease congestion.

PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON YELLOW LINES OR OVER DRIVEWAYS

The children have thoroughly enjoyed our 'Festive Fridays', making Christmas decorations and taking part in activities. Thank you to everyone involved and especially to those who also sent donations for the School Fund. Don't forget our final Festive Friday this week: Non-uniform Day – this is a '2-for-1' as children can also come to school on Wednesday 22nd in non-uniform! £1. (Some have already paid) Wear a Christmas Jumper/Christmas Accessories!



'Photo Booth' – optional for any children who would like fun photos with their friends from their class (£1 extra) The draw for 'Name the Teddy' will take place on Friday. Thanks again for your support.

Poppy Appeal - £351.74 raised, thank you for your generosity on behalf of the Dromore Branch of the Royal British Legion.

School Stationery – Dear Santa, please deliver some stationery (pens, pencils, rubbers, Pritt, colouring pencils, felt tips, etc) which the children can bring into school on 6th January to replenish their school boxes.



Bookings and cash for **school meals** on 6th - 7th January should be sent in on 6th January. Further bookings and payment should continue to be made on **Mondays**.



Applications for September 2021 Year 1 are made via the Education Authority website, www.eani.org.uk. Parents will also need to upload a copy of their child's birth certificate. Further details are available on our website. And check out our 'virtual school tour' – the children are the stars!

EA has planned that applications for Post-Primary Admissions will also be made via the Education Authority website. Further details to follow.

Health update

Again, a huge thank you to parents for communicating effectively with the school with regard to children's health and in particular with COVID. In the New Year I would ask that you continue to err on the side of caution when children have any sort of illness, perhaps giving them a day or two off to ensure that they are fit and well enough before returning to school and keeping us informed.

End of Term

As you are aware, some schools have taken the decision to close early before Christmas and go to online learning. The school has monitored the situation closely and feels that **there is no need for Dromara PS to close early at this time**. Other schools have very high numbers of COVID cases and are also struggling to provide adequate staffing. We have been very fortunate up to this point in that COVID infections remain very low and staffing has been able to be maintained. This is not to say that things can't change very quickly and we will make any necessary decisions as the need arises in order to safeguard pupils and staff.

There are some parents who are wishing to safeguard their families going into the last week of term and we fully understand and appreciate that some parents may wish to keep children off next week. Therefore, we will have our usual end of term class Christmas parties on the last Festive Friday, 17th December. The children will also have a little treat at pick up time (weather permitting) on Friday for those who are collecting!

School reopens: Thursday 6th January 2021

Wishing everyone a very happy and safe Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

