



Dromara Primary School



23rd November 2021

Festive Fridays

Unfortunately, we are unable to hold our Christmas Craft Fair this year. However, we don't want the children to miss out on some of the fun and enjoyment that they would usually have at this time of the year. So, we have decided to have Festive Fridays each Friday in December as shown below:



Date	Classes	Activities
Festive Friday 1 3 rd December	All classes	Games Room: including Penalty Kicks, Chopstick Challenge, Duck Pond, Hit the Santa, Darts, etc. £3 (max. £6 for a family)
Festive Friday 2 10 th December	Y1-3	'Craft Rooms' – pupils will make an item of Christmas Craft to take home. £2 (max. £4 for a family)
	Y4-7	'Elf Room' – pupils can choose a gift for mum or dad to wrap and take home. £2 (max. £4 for a family)
	All classes	Mrs Reain will also have her usual stall featuring 'Lego'.
Festive Friday 3 17 th December	All Classes 	Non-uniform Day – this is a '2-for-1' as children can also come to school on Wednesday 22 nd in non-uniform! £1 . 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)

During December, we will also run our old favourites, such as 'Name the Bear' – 20p for one guess, 50p for three guesses.

COVID-19 Information

Thank you to all parents who have kept the school informed of changes to circumstances at home and, in particular, where there have been any suspicions of contact with positive COVID-19 cases or children/parents who had any potential symptoms. Please keep up this positive communication. Also – a huge thank you to those parents/carers who are dropping off/collecting children and are wearing face coverings. These precautions are helping to ensure that everyone in our school community remains safe and well.

Sponsored Walk

Our Sponsored Walk raised £2824.20, a fantastic total. Thank you again to everyone who contributed, especially as our normal fundraising activities have had to be curtailed this year.



Extra-curricular Activities and Clubs

Gymnastics has started for some badges (those in Year 5 and 6). This will be reviewed after Christmas. Breakfast and afternoon clubs remain unavailable for the foreseeable future.

Evo soccer has also started for Years 2-7 on Thursdays.

Christmas Dinner

Christmas dinner will take place on Thursday 2nd December. Please let your child's teacher know if they are taking it by Friday 26th. Please pay on Monday 29th November (£2.60 or free).



Request for Soap

Due to the amount of hand-washing taking place in school, we would ask parents to send in 2 liquid soaps per family.

PTA News

- Thank you for your support with the Hallowe'en hampers. We raised a huge amount of money, £551.80, so thank you for your generous contributions and the winners were very happy indeed!

At home-time (Y4-Y7)

Children will be lined up at the wall and then released when they see a parent at gate – **please come to the side gate.**

Dinners from 6th January can be booked/paid on the day we reopen after Christmas holidays. Following weeks should continue to be booked/paid for on Mondays. Thank you for your help with this.

Y1 enrolment for September 2022

There will be no open night again and a virtual tour of the school will be placed on the school website from w/c 6th December. Parents who do not already have a child at the school may telephone the school to arrange a short informal tour. These visits will be for the w/c 13th December, so please contact the school prior to that week to arrange a day and time.

Key Dates:

Monday 10th January – Primary One application procedure opens from 12 noon.

Friday 28th January – Online portal for applications closes at 12 noon.

In order to apply online, parents must do so via the online portal made available by EA. Your child's birth certificate will be required during the application process.

Dates to Remember:

December Festive Fridays	-	As shown at the start of the newsletter
Wed 22 nd December	-	School finishes at 12.15 pm for children in Years 1 – 3 and siblings;
	-	School finishes 12.25 pm for remaining children in Years 4 – 7
Thu 6 th January 2022	-	School reopens for all pupils with normal school hours
7 th – 29 th January	-	Year 1 applications open – further details on the website

Non-uniform days – Friday 17th and Wednesday 22nd December (£1 covers both days, thank you!)

