



Dromara Primary School




24th November 2022

Festive Fridays

These have proven to be very popular with the children and we have decided to continue with the fun and enjoyment that they would usually have at this time of the year. Festive Fridays will happen each Friday in December as shown below:



Date	Classes	Activities
Festive Friday 1 2 nd December	All classes	Games Room: including Penalty Kicks, Chopstick Challenge, Duck Pond, Hit the Santa, Darts, etc. £3 (max. £6 for a family) PAY VIA SCHOOLMONEY APP
Festive Friday 2 9 th December	Y1-3	'Craft Rooms' – pupils will make an item of Christmas Craft to take home. £2 (max. £4 for a family) PAY VIA SCHOOLMONEY APP
	Y4-7	'Elf Room' – pupils can choose a gift for mum or dad to wrap and take home. £3 (max. £6 for a family) PAY VIA SCHOOLMONEY APP
	All classes	Mrs Reain will also have her usual stall featuring 'Lego'. Pay with cash upon purchase.
Festive Friday 3 16 th December	All Classes 	Non-uniform Day – this is a '2-for-1' as children can also come to school on Wednesday 21st in non-uniform! £1. Wear a Christmas Jumper/Christmas Accessories! PAY VIA SCHOOLMONEY APP 'Photo Booth' – optional for any children who would like fun photos with their friends from their class (£1 extra) Pay with cash on the day

For those items to be paid via the SchoolMoney App, we will send out info next week.

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

Christmas Dinner

Christmas dinner will take place on Thursday 15th December. Please let your child's teacher know if they are taking it and pay on Monday 12th December (£2.60 or free) via the SchoolMoney App.



PTA News

Thank you for your support with the Hallowe'en hampers. We raised a huge amount of money, £498, so thank you for your generous contributions and the winners were very happy indeed!

School Dinners for January

Dinners from Thursday 5th January can be booked/paid on the SchoolMoney App at any time over the Christmas holidays.

Y1 enrolment for September 2022

There will be an open afternoon on Monday 19th December at 3.30pm for those parents who do not already have a child at the school. If you have a friend, relative or neighbour who has a child of school age from September 2023, please let them know – thank you!

Key Dates:

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

Friday 27th 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.

Y1-3 Nativity



We are delighted that Y1-3 will be performing for you on Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th December at 10.00am. Tickets will go on sale next week. Please return your ticket application as soon as possible when you receive it as places are limited and tickets will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis. All details will be on the forms.

School Choir

Our choir will be singing at the Dromara Christmas Lights Switch-on on Saturday 3rd December. We look forward to seeing lots of other children from the school there that evening for what is always a lovely community event – all the more special this year as the Mayor of Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council, Scott Carson, is a former pupil of Dromara Primary!

SchoolMoney App Cashless system

We have greatly appreciated your co-operation in the early stages of rolling out the School Money Cashless system. Thank you to everyone for using this service and we would encourage those not signed up to please do so as soon as possible.

This new payment system will benefit both us as a school and you as a parent. Not only will you be able to pay for items from the comfort of your own home, but you will also be able to access your account at any time to see if there is anything you need to pay for.

Please see below for some helpful tips on using School Money and some vital reminders.

Log In

To log into SchoolMoney, visit the website www.eduspot.co.uk and click on the sign in button in the top right-hand corner. In the drop down, select the SchoolMoney Parent Login option and this will send you through to a page where you need to enter your mobile number, email address, the password we have sent to you, and your child's first name. If you have changed your password, then please continue to use this password.

If for any reason you are struggling to log in, it may be because you have not provided us with the correct contact details. Please let us know immediately if either your mobile number or email address changes.

Booking a Dinner

The cut off time for booking a school meal for the next day is midnight that night. For example, a dinner for Monday must be booked before midnight on the Sunday.

To book a school dinner please select the days required for that week and book all dinners, if possible, at the start of the week.

Please note: If your child is eligible for free school meals then you MUST still book as normal, but you will not be charged. All free school meals still need booked on the school money account for each child that is entitled again the midnight rule falls into place.

Parental Consent

When school sets up a payment, such as a school trip, they can request that you give parental consent when you pay. Select the + sign next to the child and give or take away consent as needed by selecting the box next to the relevant payment. A green box means that you have given consent, and a blank box means that you haven't. To give consent for a payment, simply check the blank box and it will turn green. A popup box will appear letting you know this consent has been saved.

User Guide

A copy of the user guide is available via email if needed please request via the school office.

Dates to Remember:

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| Toasty Tuesday | - | Last Toasty Tuesday on 29 th November |
| December Festive Fridays | - | As shown at the start of the newsletter |
| Y1-3 Nativity | - | Wednesday 14 th & Thursday 15 th December @10.00am |
| Wed 21 st 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 5 th January 2022 | - | School reopens for all pupils with normal school hours |
| 10 th – 27 th January | - | Year 1 applications open – further details on the EA website |
| | | www.eani.org.uk |



Non-uniform days – Friday 16th and Wednesday 21st December (£1 covers both days, thank you!)