



Dromara Primary School



26th June 2023

Arrangements for June and August/September 2023

School finishes for all pupils on Friday 30th June. Pupils in Years 1-3 and siblings will finish at **12.15 pm**, remaining pupils will finish at **12.25 pm**. There will be no dinners available on the 30th June and it will be a non-uniform day.



Years 2 – 7: School commences again on Tuesday 29th August, beginning at 9.00 am

School finishes at 12.15 pm for Y1-3 + older siblings and 12.25pm for Y4-7 on 29th, 30th & 31st August.

School bus and school meals commence on Friday 1st September. Normal finish times will apply from 1st September. New Year 1 pupils should attend on the days given by their teacher.

Year 2 will have a slightly staggered start on 29th August. Information on this will be included with your child's report.

All holiday dates for next year are posted on the school website.

Y7 Leavers' Assembly, Wednesday 28th June at 2.15 pm

We are delighted to welcome parents of Y7 pupils to our Leavers' Assembly. Entry and exit via the Sports Hall doors.

Fundraising

During the year approximately £2500 was raised through events such as Toasty Tuesdays, Sponsored Walk, Festive Fridays etc. This money was used to buy all the outdoor play equipment which every pupil has been able to enjoy using this term.

'Pedal the Periphery' (Pancreatic Cancer Charity fundraiser)

Thank you to all parents for your contributions to this worthy cause. A total of £300 was raised through parental and staff donations – a super amount! A cheque will be presented to Andrea Harrower on Thursday 29th June in school.



School Uniform

'The Signature Works' and 'School Trends'. Parents are able to order uniform online (links on our website). 'The Signature Works' also has a store in Belfast. Uniforms are also available from Rhoda Stewart in Ballynahinch.



Items required for September 2023

A note of items required for September 2023 has been included with your child's report. Please remember to put your child's name on all their individual belongings, including uniform. We would remind parents that all pupils will be expected to wear the correct uniform in the Autumn term, including school shoes. School P.E. kits will be required for all pupils in Years 2 – 7 from September 2023.



School Meals & Free School Meals



At the moment, school meals remain at £2.60. All entitlement ends on 30th June 2023.

Applications can be made on the EA website, www.eani.org.uk. Those in receipt of free school meals will receive a letter from the Education Authority – remember to respond to this as entitlement does not carry forward. It can take several weeks for the Education Authority to process applications, so please apply in good time. We would ask all eligible parents to please make sure you apply for Free School Meals even if you think you may not actually use them. This gives your child the option of having a meal at any time during the year, including our Christmas Dinner. It also affects our school budget.

Morning Club September 2023

Unfortunately, due to the low response to our morning club this term, we will be unable to continue this next year. The numbers have meant that it has operated at a loss this term and we cannot sustain this.

Communication



School is a busy place! We endeavour to keep parents informed of all that is happening through our School App, SchoolMoney, School Website and Facebook Page and ask parents to make a note of relevant dates and give permissions and pay promptly. However, plans sometimes have to be changed at short notice. We would therefore ask all parents to regularly check the school website, www.dromaraps.org. Any changes to arrangements for August 2023 will be shared on these forums. School Office hours are 9.00 am – 1.00 pm. On occasions we may send text messages or emails. **Please ensure that we hold an up to date mobile phone number and email address for you.** As mentioned previously we are now paperless and all notifications and newsletters will only be sent via the school app and posted on the website.

Classes next year

Notable staffing changes include the return of Mr Bovis after his career break. However, he is only going to be working Mondays and Tuesdays. Mrs Sophie Cairns has been appointed to work in Year 5 Wednesday to Friday. As most of you will remember, Mrs Burns left at Christmas and after some delay in appointing a replacement, we are delighted that Mrs Cathy Law will be the new Learning Support Teacher. We look forward to welcoming them both to the school. All other class teachers remain the same.

Congratulations to the football and netball teams!

Well done to the teams that competed in our annual tournaments. The netball team won their tournament, and the footballers were runners-up after a penalty shoot out in the final. Super effort from everyone involved and huge thank you to Mr Blakely, Mrs Milligan and Mrs Price for their organisation.

Dates to Remember:

Wed 31st Aug - Last day to book dinners for this Friday 1st September. bookings/payment thereafter should be made by Sunday for the next week using the SchoolMoney App.

Fri 1st Sept - Normal school times commence. School bus and dinners available.

Y1 finish at 12.15pm each day until Friday 22nd September.

From Monday 25th to Friday 29th September, they finish at 12.55pm and will require packed lunch or school dinners ordered.

From Monday 2nd October onwards, they will finish at 1.45pm.

Y2 finish at 1.55pm each day.

Y3 finish at 3.00pm on a Monday & Tuesday; 1.55pm on Wednesday to Friday.

Y4-7 finish at 3.00pm each day.

Thank you . . .

- To everyone who has helped to make this year in Dromara Primary an enjoyable one!
- To all the pupils who have been well-mannered and hardworking;
- To mums and dads for making sure they got to school and were so well turned out;
- To the staff for their continued hard work throughout the year;
- To the Board of Governors for their support and precious time in helping to keep the school running.



We wish pupils in Year 7 every success in their new schools and everyone a restful (and hopefully dry) summer holiday!