



27th June 2022

Arrangements for June and August/September 2022 – Please see ‘dates to remember’ for summary

School finishes for all pupils on Thursday 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 30th August, beginning at 9.00 am and finishing at 12.15 pm. School finishes at 12.15 pm for all pupils on Wednesday 31st August. (Drop off is between 9.00 & 9.10am)

School bus and school meals commence on Thursday 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 30th August. Information on this will be included with your child’s report.

The school will continue with the entry/exit points that have operated this year, as this has eased entry and exit for pupils.

Leavers’ Assembly, Wednesday 29th June at 2.15 pm

As per the letter which was sent home with your child, we are delighted that we are able to hold our Leavers’ Assembly. Entry and exit via the Sports Hall doors. We politely request that no more than 2 guests per Y7 pupil should attend. Thank you.



Sportathon – A successful and enjoyable day was had by all. A total of £230 was raised for the charity chosen by Mrs Watson – Chest, Heart and Stroke Association. We will present a cheque to them in the new school year.

Charities

During the year, as well as the Sportathon fundraising, £120 was donated to Hope Ministries for aid to Ukraine and our recent ‘Movies and Mayhem’ day for Daisy Lodge, which was organised by a group of Y7 pupils. A cheque will be presented at the Leavers’ Assembly on Wednesday 29th.



School Uniform

We have two uniform suppliers, ‘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. See below re P.E. uniform.



Items required for September 2022

A note of items required for September 2022 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 2022.



School Meals & Free School Meals



At the moment, school meals remain at £2.60. All entitlement ends on 30th June 2022. 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 & Afternoon Club in September 2022

We are currently negotiating the possibility of reopening next year with an external provider. Please keep an eye on your email this week and **respond immediately to the survey** if you would be interested in your child attending either club.



Communication



School is a busy place! We endeavour to keep parents informed of all that is happening through our Newsletters, Website and Facebook Page and ask parents to make a note of relevant dates and return forms/permission slips 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 2022 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.**

Libraries NI Big Summer Read 2022

Details on www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

Dates to Remember:

- Wed 29th June - Year 7 Leavers' Service 2.15 pm
 - Thu 30th June - School finishes 12.15 pm for pupils in Yrs 1-3 and siblings, 12.25 pm for all other pupils. There will be no dinners available and it will be a non-uniform day.
 - Tue 30th Aug - School recommences, 9.00 am – 12.15 pm / 12.25 pm, for pupils in Years 2 – 7 Year 1 pupils have staggered intake and should attend on the days given by their teacher. Year 2 will have staggered start times on Tuesday 30th only.**
 - Wed 31st Aug - School finishes at 12.15 / 12.25 pm. Last day to book dinners for this week and bookings/payment thereafter should be made on MONDAYS.
 - Thu 1st Sept - Normal school times commence. School bus and dinners available.
- Y1 finish at 12.15pm each day until Friday 23rd September.
From Monday 26th to Friday 30th September, they finish at 12.55pm and will require packed lunch or school dinners ordered.
From Monday 3rd 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.

Remember to send all money in a clearly marked envelope with booking slip/permission form where required.

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 mums, dads, grandparents and carers for all the support during the 'tricky' periods this year;
- 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!