



Dromara Primary School



28th September 2021

IMPORTANT UPDATES INCLUDED

European Day of Languages



To celebrate this, we held an 'Italian Day' on Friday 24th September. Some great style from everyone and lots of fun was had. Thank you to School Meals in Ballynahinch for adding an Italian flavour to school dinners!

Closures

School will finish at 1.55 pm on Friday 22nd October for half term and reopen on Monday 1st November.

Communication

Please keep an eye on the website for up to date information, as our Facebook page is unable to be updated at present.

Newsletters are published on our website, usually during the last week of each month. Paper copies will no longer be sent home.

Other information may be emailed to parents, so please check this regularly. If you have changed your email, please email the school to inform us so that we can update our records, thank you. On occasions we will send text messages, so please ensure that we have an up to date mobile phone number and also so that we can contact parents in case of emergency.

Remember:

In case of absence, please telephone/email school on the first day of absence.

Curriculum information for each class is available on the "Class" pages of our website. Remember to check the 'class' page to see comments about/photographs of what your child is doing in school.

As Mrs Watson remains off school, the office is only available 9 am – 2.00pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays and telephone messages/email outside this time may not be picked up promptly.

Outstanding books

A number of textbooks which were loaned to pupils during lockdown are still to be returned. We have limited resources and would ask that these books are returned immediately to allow other pupils to continue with their reading and learning.



Year One and Photographs

Our first year pupils have settled well into school life. From Monday 4th October they will finish at 1.45 pm. We have arranged to have Year 1 individual and class **photographs taken on Friday 15th October**. Please inform us if you do not wish your child to have their photo taken. We would hope that photos will be ready for you to purchase from Opus Memories well in time for Christmas.

Fundraising

The school is upgrading our interactive whiteboards in each classroom so we are grateful for any funding received through the following events:

Sponsored Walk

As you know, we plan to hold our Sponsored Walk on Friday 1st October (or as soon thereafter if weather is unfavourable). It is disappointing that parents cannot attend this year, but we know the children are looking forward to some time out of the classroom! This is usually just one of our fundraising efforts during the year, but as other events may have to be cancelled, we would especially appreciate your support for our Sponsored Walk. Proceeds will be used for the benefit of all our pupils. Please return any sponsorship in an envelope by 15th October and thank you in advance.



Hallowe'en Hampers

Following the successful fundraising events of previous years, we are again organising Hallowe'en hampers to be raffled in each class. We would ask that items (usually value around £1) are sent into school by **Friday 15th October**. This will mean the items can be quarantined in school before being distributed. Raffle tickets cost £1.00.

Hallowe'en Parties will not be held.

Festive Fridays

We ran Festive Fridays last year as an alternative to the Christmas Craft Fair. These proved to be very popular with the children and we plan to run them in December again this year. More details to follow.



Toasty Tuesdays

A popular event from previous years is returning! Each Tuesday in November children will be able to order toast for break time (20p per slice)

Car Parking

Please remember that residents near to the school need to be able to enter/leave at any time, so we would politely request that you do not park over driveways (this includes at the Masonic and Orange Halls).

The school car park is strictly for staff only – please do not drive into the school at drop-off or collection times, even if the gates are open. Children and parents are walking in this area and our priority is keeping them safe. Thank you for your courtesy.

Infection Control advice for parents

If a child has a cold/cough/sneezing:

You know your own child best and you will know if they have a cough which is perhaps the norm for the time of year or weather. However, I would suggest that you err on the side of caution if a child is under the weather and keep them off for at least 24 hours. Provided there is no development of new symptoms or worsening of current symptoms, then they should be able to return to school. This is provided that they are indeed well enough to come to school and do their work. There have been many children with colds and sniffles at the start of the year – this is not unusual. However, please remain cautious as COVID is still around and we do not want to risk further cases in the school.

Sending work home

The school's policy on sending work home for pupils who are ill remains unchanged. We will not send work home for pupils who are unwell – they should be recuperating. We will only send home work for a pupil who is self-isolating and is well.

Please refer to our 'Start of Year Booklet 20/21' and information posted on the website earlier this month for further information.

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Good News Club

Unfortunately, this cannot be held at present.



Parent Interviews

We are awaiting further guidance from the Department of Education, but hope to have some form of interviews w/c 18th October.

Galaxy Coaching Halloween Camps



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MONDAY 25TH OCTOBER - FRIDAY 29TH OCTOBER 2021

VENUE 1: SHAW'S BRIDGE SPORTS ASSOCIATION
VENUE 2: GROSVENOR GRAMMAR SCHOOL
VENUE 3: HILLSBOROUGH VILLAGE CENTRE

9AM-3PM 4-14 YEAR OLDS

MULTI-SPORT & PERFORMING ARTS*

EARLY DROP OFF 8AM-9AM
LATE COLLECTION 3PM-6PM*

* VENUE SPECIFIC RESTRICTIONS APPLY

Dates to Remember

Friday 1st October: Sponsored Walk

Tuesday 15th October: Year 1 photographs

Friday 15th October: Sponsored Walk donations to be returned by today (in envelope)

Friday 15th October: Halloween Hamper Items sent in by this date

Mon 18th – Thu 21st October – Parent Interviews (All pupils finish at 1.55pm all week)

Mon 25th Oct – Fri 29th Oct: School closed