

Dromara Primary School



7th June 2023

Trips

We are delighted that Year 7 was able to go on their residential trip to Greenhill YMCA in Newcastle, along with St Michael's PS. They all thoroughly enjoyed the experience and had lots of fun as well as making some new friends!

We are also delighted that each class will be able to go on a trip this term, which they will benefit a great deal from. We appreciate that there are families with siblings in different classes and that there may be more expense for some parents. The school has subsidised the trips and if you have any issues sending money in, please let us know and we can allow for payment at a later date if you prefer. Thank you.

Girls' Football Team

Mr Blakely organised a mini tournament with 2 teams from Dromara PS and from 2 other local schools. The girls had a great afternoon and won all their matches – very well done!

Interschool sports day

We are still trying to organise a date for this, but it is proving difficult. Once we know for certain we will inform you immediately.

'The Big Splash' on Thursday 29th June

We'd love to have as many children and parents as possible come along for a great evening's fun. Why not have your tea while you're there, with 'Barn and Bread' take away and Brennan's ice cream to follow?

Children taking part in the puddle jump challenge should bring wellies or a

change of footwear! Don't forget to pay on the SchoolMoney App to enter.





School App (not SchoolMoney)

You will have received a note home this week regarding the school app. We would ask that all parents download the app and register. We are planning to go paperless from September and are wishing to trial the app for the month of June. We hope this will be a convenient and fast way of getting information to parents.

If you have misplaced the note about the app, there is a copy on the home page of the school website www.dromaraps.org Thank you.

Homeworks

We would ask parents to continue to keep an eye on homeworks to ensure that they are signed, are completed to an acceptable standard and that reading/learning homeworks are completed. Written homework will continue up until 21st June.

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School Uniform

We have two uniform suppliers, 'The Signature Works' and 'School Trends'. Unfortunately, we are unable to have them visit school this year. Parents are able to order uniform online (links on our website in the Parents' Section). 'The Signature Works' also has a store in Belfast - *Unit 5B, Stirling House, Castlereagh Road Business Park, Castlereagh Road, BT5 6BQ*



Please continue to ensure that full school uniform is worn daily, especially regarding school shoes. We encourage pupils to take pride in their work and their school and this includes their appearance, of which school uniform is an important part.

Lost Property

We have various items of uniform and water bottles in our lost property box. We would ask parents to check their child's belongings. Any items not claimed by 23rd June will be removed.

Annual Reports

Annual Reports will be sent home in June. This will update you on your child's progress during the year in all areas of the curriculum.

Free School Meals and Uniform Grant



The process for new applications should open shortly on the EA website www.eani.org.uk. Those already in receipt of free school meals will receive a letter from the Education Authority, usually in June/July – remember to respond to this as **entitlement does not carry forward.** If you have moved house since your last application, please remember to inform

the Education Authority. 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 allows your child to have a meal at any time of the year, including Christmas Dinner or special occasions. It also affects our school budget.

Parents requiring forms completed

On occasions, parents ask teachers to complete various forms. Please give a minimum of a week's notice to allow staff to complete forms accurately.

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
Fri 16 June	Extra-curricular Activities end –
	Except for EVO Soccer which goes until Thursday 29 th June
Mon 12 June	Y5 trip to Montalto Estate*
Thu 15 June	Y6 trip to Giant's Causeway / Portrush*
Mon 19 June	Y4 trip to Belfast Zoo*
Tue 27 June	Y3 trip to W5*
Wed 28 June – 2.15pm	Y7 Leavers' Assembly – Y7 parents invited to attend in school hall
Fri 30 June	Term Ends for all pupils
	Pupils in Years 1-3 and siblings will finish at 12.15 pm, and all other pupils
	will finish at 12.25 pm . There will be no dinners available on the 30 th June
	and it will be a non-uniform day.

^{*}Payable / consent to be given on the SchoolMoney App