



Dromara Primary School



8th February 2023

Interviews

Thank you to all parents who have discussed their child's/children's progress with the teachers this week. This opportunity to share information about your child is important to us and we trust proved useful to you.

School Closures

- **Half Term**

School closes for all pupils at 1.00pm on Friday 10th February. School reopens on Monday 20th February.

- **Industrial Action by Teaching Unions - VERY IMPORTANT**

School will be closed to all pupils until 12.00 on Tuesday 21st February.

Please do not send your children in earlier as we will be unable to admit them.

School meals will be served but must have been ordered by Sunday 19th February – we will be unable to accommodate any requests for school meals after this time. This includes Free School Meals – please order via SchoolMoney too.

School transport – at this time I have been assured that the school bus will run later in the morning to bring children to school for the later start.

Normal school times apply in the afternoon.

This is a dispute between teacher unions and the employers; it is not a dispute with the schools. This is not a strike just about teachers' pay. Teachers are taking strike action due to cuts to teachers' pay and the lack of adequate funding for schools which together are causing a crisis in Education.

Clearly this is a difficult situation, which will cause some disruption to all parents, carers and guardians, but we would, however, ask for your understanding. Where staff have elected to take lawful industrial action, schools and Boards of Governors, will have no choice but to take appropriate steps to ensure the health, safety, and wellbeing of all pupils.

School Meals

From Sunday 19th February onwards, SchoolMoney will close for meals orders at midnight on a Sunday for that incoming week. If you require any meals, they *must* be ordered by the Sunday before. If you order a meal and then your child is absent, please let the office know and funds can be carried forward to the next week.

Morning Club

Morning Club will commence from 8.30am on Wednesday 22nd February.

If you wish to book your child into the morning club, please do so via the SchoolMoney App by the Sunday before. Places will be limited to first come, first served. The cost will be £2 per morning. Entry is via the sports hall entrance.

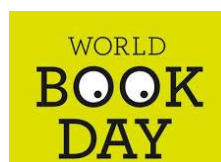
Book Exchange

To recognize World Book Day, the PTA would like to invite pupils to donate books they are no longer reading for a **Book Exchange**. The books will be collected in class from Monday 20th February – Friday 24th February (the week after half-term) or can be left at the school reception. Please ensure books are in excellent condition, no doodles or ripped pages.



Pupils and parents are invited to visit the Book Exchange at pick-up time on **Thursday 2nd March** to choose books. There is a suggested contribution of 20p per book taken. Monies raised will go towards purchasing boxes of sports materials for pupils to use in the summer term.

Thanks for your support,
Dromara Primary PTA



World Book Day Celebration in school

Don't forget, we are celebrating World Book Day in school on Wednesday 8th March – everyone should dress up as their favourite character from a book. All children will receive a £1 World Book Day voucher.



Book Fair reminder

We will be running a Book Fair in school from Tuesday 21st March to Monday 27th March. From the sales of the Book Fair, our school will receive a number of FREE BOOKS for our class libraries. Children can use their £1 World Book Day voucher at the Book Fair which will be situated in the Foundation Stage Resource Area. As well as our opening times, pupils will be given time to have a 'book browse and buy' session with their class teacher.

Opening Times: 1.45 – 2.15 pm, 3.00 – 3.20 pm



Valentine's Disco for Years 5-7

Thursday 9th February, 7.00-8.00pm. Cost £3.00 – bookings can be made through SchoolMoney if you haven't already done so.

School Uniform

During the peak COVID periods we were a bit more relaxed about uniform. However, we would like to remind you that children should all come to school in proper uniform. School shoes should be worn instead of trainers and school trousers / skirts and not jogging bottoms or leggings. Thank you for your support.

Years 4 and 5 Show – “Go for Gold”

We are delighted that Years 4 & 5 are going to put on a show before Easter. More details to follow but save the dates: **Wednesday 29th March and Thursday 30th March at 10.00am.**

Extra-curricular activities will commence week beginning 27th February and run until week beginning 20th March unless otherwise stated

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	INFO
Monday	3.00 – 3.45 pm	Football*	Yrs 5 - 7
Tuesday	8.30 – 9.00 am	Gymnastics*	Yrs 3 - 4
	3.00 – 3.45 pm	Netball*	Yrs 5 – 7 girls only
Wednesday	8.35 – 9.00 am	Choir	Yrs 5 - 7
Thursday	8.30 – 9.00 am	Gymnastics*	Yrs 4 – 7
	2.00 – 3.00 pm	Evo Soccer*	Yrs 1 – 3
	3.00 – 4.00 pm	Last 2 weeks of the current 6 week block are on Thursday 23 rd February and Thursday 2 nd March. A new note will go out about another 6 week block commencing on Thursday 9 th March.	Yrs 4 - 7
Friday	8.30 – 9.00 am	Strategy Games Club	Yrs 5 - 7
	3.00 – 4.00 pm	Good News Club Starts back on Friday 24 th February	Yrs 1 - 7

*These clubs require PE kit to be brought into school. Footballers should also bring warm tops for outdoors. All clubs are open to boys and girls except for Netball.