



Drumahoe Primary School – Parent Memo: January 2024



Dear Parent,

It's hard to believe that we are at the beginning of a New Year. I hope that your year is filled with happiness, peace and good health. Please take some time to read some important information about what is happening in school this term and beyond.

Holidays for term 2:

School will be closed on **Wednesday 14th February** until **Friday 16th February 2024** for the half-term holiday.

School will be closed on **18th March 2024** for St. Patrick's Day

School will close for Easter on **Friday 22nd March 2024** (school will finish at 12.00 p.m. for all classes) and will re-open on Monday 8th April.

Pantomime:

Once again this year, M & M Productions will be visiting us to perform 'Snow White' for the children on **Thursday 25th January**. The cost of this will be £2.00 per child with the remainder of the cost covered by our wonderful PTA as a thank you to the children for all their hard work for the nativity and carol service before Christmas. The £2.00 payment can be made online using ipayimpact before Thursday 18th January.

P6 and P7 School Trips:

The pupils of Primary 6 will visit Gortatole Outdoor Centre from 23rd April until 26th April. More information will be provided to parents next week.

P7 will visit Scotland for their trip this year from 14th to 17th May 2024.

Festive Evening:

Our annual PTA Festive Evening was another success this year. Thanks to the support of our school community a total of £1131.54 was raised. This will be spent on valuable educational resources for the children including purchasing new computer equipment.

Carol Service:

Many thanks to all of you that attended our Carol Service on 20th December. I'm sure you'll agree that it was a lovely service and the children performed brilliantly. We would like to thank the Reverend Hibbert for speaking at the service and for allowing us to use the church. A total of £500 was raised for Foyle Search and Rescue.

Illness:

The school is currently experiencing high levels of sickness amongst children as Winter respiratory illnesses continue to have their presence felt. If your child is feeling unwell or has a fever, please keep them at home to avoid the spread of illnesses. We have a number of children in school that are considered 'vulnerable', and any illness can have an extremely detrimental effect on their health. If your child has had vomiting or diarrhoea, they should not attend school for 24 hours after their symptoms have stopped.

Parking:

I have received a number of complaints from parents and witnessed for myself the issues with car parking at the front of the school, especially at 3 p.m. If there are no spaces in the car park, please do not park in the staff car park, on the double yellow lines or in front of another car. Please use the MUGA car park in the interests of everyone's safety. Only allocated parking bays should be used. I will continue to monitor the situation and please do not be offended if myself or another member of staff asks you to move your vehicle. We are simply trying to prevent a serious accident from happening.

Child Protection Policy & Information:

Just a little reminder about the procedures we have in place as a school with regards to Child Protection.

The names of the staff member to speak to, should you have a concern are as follows:

Mrs Hegarty – your main point of contact. If she is unavailable, then **Mrs Walker** or **Mrs Johnston** should be contacted.

If you have any concerns regarding welfare issues, please ring the office (02871302284) to speak to Mrs Hegarty.

After School Clubs:

Just a reminder that clubs for this term are as follows:

Monday – Craft Club - P1 (2–3pm) and P4 (3–4pm)

Tuesday – French - P1 & P2 (2–3pm) and P3-P7 (3–4pm)

Dance - P1 & P2 (2–3pm) and P3-P7 (3–4pm)

Wednesday – Hockey - P5-P7 (3–4pm)

Brazilian Soccer - P1 & P2 (2–3pm) and P3 & P4 (3–4pm)

Thursday – Maiden City Soccer - P5-P7 (3–4pm)

Many thanks for taking the time to read our January memo.

Mrs Walker

“Developing the potential of everyone to the full, within a caring and stimulating environment.”