



Drumahoe Primary School – Parent Memo: April 2023



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Welcome back to what promises to be a very busy and fun-filled summer term here at Drumahoe Primary School. I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable Easter break.

Gortatole:

Our Primary 6 children left for Gortatole this morning. The weather forecast is looking promising and the children were very excited to be setting off, the parents maybe not so much so! Keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates on how they are getting on.

P7 Trip meeting:

There will be a meeting for parents of children attending the Edinburgh trip in May in school on Wednesday 3rd May at 2.30 p.m. This will be held in the school dining centre.

Strike Action:

Please find attached to this newsletter, information on the strike that all five teaching unions are participating in on Wednesday 26th April. The school will be closed to all pupils on that day.

School Photographer:

Cool for School Photos will be in school on **Friday 12th May** as they were unable to come in March due to the weather. The same arrangements apply as before in that individual portraits, P1 and P7 class photographs and family groups from within school will be taken on that day.

Anyone with children not at school (older or younger siblings) who wish to have a family photograph, please queue at the front of the school from 8.45 a.m. on 12th May. These will be taken on a first come, first served basis. Please make sure you have registered for this using the link below with the name of the eldest child at school.

If you have previously registered for a photograph to be taken you do not need to register again. The link remains open **until 7pm on Thursday 11th May** for anyone who still needs to register for a photograph. The link can be found here: https://orders.coolforschoolphotography.com/register/?access_code=JR8VXU6

Summer Uniform:

Just a reminder that from now until the end of June children can wear Summer Uniform:

Girls - red gingham dresses may be worn with official Drumahoe sweatshirt or the standard grey cardigan/jumper. White socks should also be worn.

Boys - white polo shirt may be worn with official Drumahoe sweatshirt or the standard grey jumper (no need for a tie). Grey shorts can also be worn as opposed to the grey school trousers.

After School Clubs

Please note the following clubs are running after school during this term:

Monday –	Rugbytots	P1 and P2 – 2.00 – 3.00pm P3 and P4 – 3.00 – 4.00pm
	Netball	P5 – P7 – 3.00 – 4.00pm
Tuesday –	Highland Dance and French	P1 and P2 – 2.00 – 3.00pm P3 – P7 – 3.00 – 4.00pm
	Mr Scott's football	P6 and P7 – 3.00 – 4.00pm
Wednesday –	Soca Tots	P1 and P2 – 2.00 – 3.00pm
	Brazilian Football	P3 and P4 – 3.00 – 4.00pm
Thursday –	Maiden City Soccer	P5 – P7 – 3.00 – 4.00pm

Please note that there is no charge for Dance and French as some sessions were missed last term due to Show Stoppers and inclement weather. Any child who was previously registered to attend these clubs can still do so. Letters will be sent to register for the remainder sessions over the next few weeks.

Coronation Teddy:

The school is raffling a lovely Coronation Teddy which would be a lovely memento for the King's Coronation on 6th May (please see our Facebook page for the photo). The cost for a square is £2.00 and the winner will be announced on Friday 5th May. Any proceeds raised will be donated to school funds. If you would like to be in with a chance to win the teddy, please call into the school to choose your preferred square on the raffle sheet. If you can't make it into school, send in money and your child can select a random square for you. Many thanks to the British Legion for helping to organise this.

Coronation Events:

Drumahoe Community Centre are working with the school to organise events together in celebration of the King's Coronation. We will distribute the details of these events once they have been finalised.

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



Parent training – managing anxiety:

The school is planning to hold parent information sessions on managing anxiety. These will be run by the school's Play Therapist, Krystle Thompson. If you would be interested in attending these sessions, please see our Facebook page for information on how you can book your place on this very useful and informative session. As we are all very aware, we have seen a huge increase in the number of children struggling with anxiety and these sessions will give advice and tips on how to help address these issues at home.

Summer Term important dates:

- Tuesday 18th – Friday 21st April 2023 – P6 Trip to Gortatole
- Wednesday 26th April 2023 – Strike Action – School closed
- Monday 1st May and Tuesday 2nd May – school closed – Bank Holiday and Staff Development Day
- Wednesday 3rd May – P7 Parents' meeting re. trip to Edinburgh
- Monday 8th May – school closed – Coronation Bank Holiday
- Thursday 11th May – provisional date for Sports Day – weather dependent – more information on the timings etc. will be issued closer to the time.
- Friday 12th May – School Photographer in school (Register online before 7pm on Thursday 11th May)
- Tuesday 16th – Thursday 18th May 2023 – P7 Trip to Edinburgh
- Thursday 18th May – school closed for election
- Thursday 23rd May – Bryson Energy fun day in school
- Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th May - school closed - Whit Bank Holiday and Staff Development Day
- Friday 23rd June – reports go home
- Wednesday 28th June – P7 'Leavers Assembly' at 10.00am
- Friday 30th June 2023 – School ends for summer at 12.00 p.m.

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