

COAGH PRIMARY SCHOOL



May 2019 Newsletter

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Diary Dates

- W5 Trip for P5-P7 (Shared Education)**- Wednesday 1st May
- School Closure (Local Elections)**- Thursday 2nd May
- P7 Cycling Proficiency**- Continues on Friday 3rd and 10th May
- Piping Tuition**- Begins for Term 3 on Friday 3rd May
- Drumming Tuition**- Begins again on Friday 3rd May
- Translink Travel Challenge**- Two weeks beginning on Friday 3rd May
- Book Club with Jennifer Crooks**- Friday 3rd, 17th and 31st May at 8.30, 1.45 and 3pm
- School Closure (Bank Holiday)**- Monday 6th May
- Gareth Porter (Key Stage 2)**- Continues each Tuesday
- P5 and P6 Swimming Lessons**- Continues each Tuesday
- 'Clever Cloggers' P7 Programme**- Wednesday 8th May (Parents Session 1.45pm - 2.45pm)
- Gortatole P6/7 Residential Presentation**- Wednesday 8th 3-4pm
- Tennis Club**- Begins on Thursday 9th May (2-3pm and 3-4pm)
- Scripture Union and Horrible History Club**- Cancelled during May
- Piano Tuition**- Continues every Thursday
- Violin Tuition**- Continues every Thursday
- Exam Weeks**- Monday 13th – Friday 24th May
- Football Club**- Monday 13th, 20th May and 3rd June P2/3 (2-3pm) P5-P7 (3-4pm)
- Tri County Football Tournament**- Thursday 16th May
- Eco Committee**- Thursday 16th May
- P7 Gortatole Residential**- Monday 20th May – Wednesday 22nd May
- Parents Association Meeting**- Tuesday 21st May at 8pm
- School Nurse P1 Appraisals**- Wednesday 22nd and Friday 24th May
- School Closure (European Elections)**- Thursday 23rd May
- School Closure (Bank Holiday)**- Monday 27th May
- School Closure (Staff Training)**- Tuesday 28th May
- Parents Association 'Summer Fair'**- Thursday 6th June

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Sports Evening- Weather dependent week beginning 10th June

Library Van- Monday 10th June and Monday 24th June

Library Van

The library van will be not return to school until Monday 10th June and then Monday 24th June will be the final visit of the year.

W5 Trip

The pupils from P5-P7 will go to W5 in Belfast on Wednesday 1st May with their friends from Ballylifford Primary School. This will be the final session of another successful 'Shared Education' project this year.

Local Elections- School will be closed on Thursday 2nd May as it will be used as a polling station for local elections.

P7 Cycling Proficiency

The cycling proficiency lessons for P7 pupils will continue on Friday 3rd and Friday 10th May with Mrs Glasgow and Miss Brooks. Further details have been given to the P7 pupils.

Piping and Drumming

Piping and Drumming tuition will continue each Friday with Geoff Hamilton and Lowry Ferguson during Term 3.

Translink 'Travel Challenge'

The Eco Committee have organised for Coagh Primary School to take part in the two week Translink 'Travel Challenge'. This will begin on Friday 3rd May. Pupils are encouraged to walk or cycle to school if possible. We understand the difficulties faced by some families who don't live in the village. If this is the case and you still want to participate then it is possible to park on the main street and walk from there.

Book Club

Jennifer Crooks will be in school on Friday 3rd, 17th and 31st May at 8.30am, 1.45pm and 3pm in the entrance hall. This allows parents the opportunity to purchase books for themselves and there is now a selection of 'kids' books available.

Bank Holiday

School will be closed on Monday 6th May for the Bank Holiday.

Gareth Porter

The IFA coaching has restructured since the end of March and unfortunately they no longer offer coaching for P1-P4 pupils. The new programme involves Gareth coaching Key Stage 2

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pupils for a Term. This will begin for pupils in P5, P6 and P7 on Tuesday 30th April and will continue each Tuesday until end of June. Key Stage 2 pupils should wear 'PE Uniform' to school each Tuesday instead of a Wednesday until the end of Term.

Swimming

Pupils in P5 and P6 will continue their swimming sessions each Tuesday.

Clever Cloggers

The P7 pupils will be participating in the 'Clever Cloggers' programme which is facilitated by SOFT Project. This will take place on Wednesday 8th May in Coagh Primary School and we will be joined by P7 pupils from Stewartstown and Ballylifford Primary Schools. A session for parents of P7 pupils will take place in school from 1.45pm – 2.45pm.

P6/7 Gortatole Residential Presentation

Pupils who are going to Gortatole along with their parents are invited to a presentation in the P6/7 room from 3-4pm on Wednesday 8th May. This session will provide parents with the information that they will require for the Residential Trip.

Tennis Club

Tennis Club will begin on Thursday 9th May from 2-3pm for P1-P3 pupils and 3-4pm for P4-P7 pupils. No equipment is required. Any pupil who is attending should come to school each Thursday wearing Trainers, Tracksuit bottoms/leggings and School T-Shirt and Jumper. This will mean they won't need to change prior to their session.

Scripture Union and Horrible History Club

Both these clubs have been cancelled during May.

Mr Savage- Violin Tuition

Mr Savage will be in school on Thursday mornings during term 3 for Violin tuition.

Mrs Walker- Piano Tuition

Shirley Walker will continue to provide Piano Tuition on Thursdays.

Exam Weeks

With the disruption of the Elections and Bank Holidays during May it has been decided to run class exams during the weeks beginning Monday 13th May until Friday 24th May. During these weeks' pupils will undertake 'Standardised' Tests and Class tests. We appreciate that these are busy weeks with the North West 200 and Balmoral show taking place but it would be extremely beneficial if your child attends school each day as they can take the test with the rest of their class. If you know your child definitely won't be in school on a particular date, please inform your child's teacher ASAP as they may be able to 'swap' tests on particular days to suit their class.

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Football Club

Jake Crooks will continue to lead the afterschool football club on the following dates: Monday 13th May, 20th May and 3rd June. This club will run 2pm-3pm for P2/3 and 3pm-4pm for P5-P7.

Tri County Football Tournament

The outdoor tournament will be held at MUSA on Thursday 16th May. Coagh Primary School finished 'runners up' last year.

Eco Schools Club

Eco Schools will meet on Thursday 16th April. It will be led by Miss Brooks from 3-4pm.

Gortatole Residential

The P6/7 pupils will be attending their Residential at Gortatole (Enniskillen) from Monday 20th May and will return for 3pm on Wednesday 22nd May.

Parents Association

The next meeting of the 'Parents Association' will take place at 8pm on Tuesday 21st May in School.

School Nurse

The School Nurse will be in school on Wednesday 22nd and Friday 24th May. This is for the P1 Appraisals. All completed consent forms should be returned ASAP.

European Elections- School will be closed on Thursday 23rd May as it will be used as a polling station for European elections.

Bank Holiday

School will be closed on Monday 27th May for the Bank Holiday.

Staff Training

School will be closed on Tuesday 28th May for Staff Training.

Boot Camp

The 'Parents Association' organised 'Boot Camp' on Wednesday 10th April raised a fantastic £850. A massive thank you to Richard McCrea who ran the sessions.

Early Bird, Fun Club and Homework Club

Early Bird Club, Fun Club and Homework Club will take place in the hall. On dry mornings, Early Bird Club will be outside. If you are using this club, please bring your child into school and leave them with Libby, either in the hall or outside. All schoolbags and coats should be left in the cloakrooms. **Please do not drop children off before 8.30am.**

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Early Bird Club 8.30 – 8.50 am
Fun Club P1-P3, 1.45-3.00 pm

50p per morning/child
£1 per day/child

Children who do not use the Early Bird Club should come to school **no earlier than 8.50am** for school starting at 9.00am.

Homework Club is available daily from 3pm – 5.30pm. Cost is £3 per hour or £7 from 3pm - 5.30pm.

School website

Our school website at www.coaghprimaryschool.com. continues to be the main point of information for parents.

An App is available to download from the school website to your smartphone which will notify you when new content has been added to the website etc.

If you have no access to the internet at home, please inform us in school so paper copies can be sent to you.

Allergy Awareness School

As an allergy awareness school we take all reasonable steps to ensure the safety of our pupils. With this in mind please remember our school is a nut free zone. Please do not send any products containing nuts.

Strawberry Allergy

We thank you for your cooperation in not sending Strawberries while a pupil was undergoing tests this year. These have provided information now that the pupil is not allergic to Strawberries so you are welcome to send them to school with your child.

School Meals

The cost of school dinners remains at £2.60 per day. This means that it will cost £13.00 per week.

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