

COAGH PRIMARY SCHOOL



October 2018 Newsletter

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Diary Dates

P1 Pupils stay until 1.45pm- Monday 1st October

Tempest Photography- Monday 1st October from 8.30am

Library Van- Monday 1st and 15th October

P1 Phonics Night- Tuesday 2nd October at 7pm

Parents Association AGM- Tuesday 2nd October at 7.30pm

P5 – P7 Hockey Coaching- Continues each Wednesday (P6/7 2-3pm, P5 1-2pm)

P5-P7 Football Club- Wednesday 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th October 3-4pm

School Council Election- Thursday 4th October

Eco School Committee Election- Wednesday 10th October

Scripture Union Club- Thursday 4th October 3-4pm (P4-P7)

Horrible History Club- Thursday 11th October 3-4pm (P4-P7)

'Blitz' Hockey Tournament- Thursday 11th October at Meadowbank (Magherafelt)

World War 1 Presentation- Wednesday 17th October 7.30pm in Hall

Eco Committee- Thursday 18th October 3-4pm (Committee members)

Firework Safety Talk (PSNI)- Thursday 18th October

Tri-County Football Tournament Day 1- Friday 19th October

Half Term- School will close at 1.45pm for all pupils on Friday 26th October and reopen on Monday 5th November at 9am

Piping and Drumming Tuition- Continues each Friday (All pupils bring their instruments)

Violin Tuition- Continues each Thursday (All pupils should bring their instruments)

Piano Tuition- Continues with Shirley Walker each Thursday.

P1 children

P1 will stay to 1.45pm from Monday, 1st October. They can go home at that time, or stay for Fun Club, 1.45-3pm at a cost of £1 per day. The 3pm - 5.30pm Homework Club is also available (See School Office for more details) They will have written homework, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights. Please look in their schoolbags!

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School Photographs

Tempest Photography will visit school on Monday, 1st October to take school photographs. All children will be photographed individually and in families. There will be no charge if you do not want the photographs. Any preschool children who want to have their photograph taken, either individually or with other family members, should come in to school from 8.30am onwards.

Library Van

The library van will visit school on the following dates- Monday 1st and Monday 15th October.

P1 Phonics Night (Tuesday 2nd October)

A Phonics evening for all P1 parents will be held on Tuesday 2nd October at 7pm in the school hall.

Parents Association AGM (Tuesday 2nd October)

The Parents Association AGM will take place on Tuesday 2nd October at 7.30pm in the school hall. The Parents Association has had another very successful year and has raised money for new ipads, hockey kits and playground equipment etc. The work of the PA is vital for the school and we encourage all new P1 parents to attend. All parents from P1-P7 will be made very welcome.

3pm – 5.30pm Homework Club

The school has recently extended its after school 'Homework Club' which is available for all pupils from P1-P7. It was started on the back of feedback from parents. Booking forms are available from the school office or they can be emailed by contacting Mr Bayne - ibayne452@c2kni.net . We are able to receive childcare vouchers from most of the main childcare voucher schemes (Please contact office for further details)

Football Club

Football Club begins on Wednesday 3rd October and will continue on the following dates in the build up to the 'Tri County' Competitions. Football Club will be on the following dates- Wednesday 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th October. The Tri County Competition dates are Friday 19th October and 23rd November. We have won this tournament for the last two years so it'd be great if we were able to make it three in a row!

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School Council

An election to select members of the school council will take place on Thursday 4th October. Two representatives from each class P3-P7 will be elected by their class following the candidate speeches and manifestos.

Scripture Union

Scripture Union for children from P4-P7 begins on Thursday, 4th October 3-4pm. Scripture Union will be led by Mrs. Michael and will be held the first Thursday of every month. Notes will be sent home.

'Blitz' Hockey Tournament

The school have entered a Girls' Team and a Boys' team into the 'Blitz' Hockey Tournament at Meadowbank in Magherafelt. This tournament will take place on Thursday 11th October. Currently Rhian Pegram (Ulster Hockey) is coaching in school for P5-P7 pupils. She will be assisting in the identification and selection of both teams. Further details will be given nearer the tournament.

'Horrible Histories' Club

Horrible Histories after school club will begin on Thursday 11th October 3-4pm for children from P4-P7. It will be led by Mrs Wilson and will be held on the second Thursday of every month. Notes will be sent home.

Eco Schools Club

An election will take place on Wednesday 10th October to elect the Eco Schools Committee. This will be for Pupils from P4-P7. It will be led by Miss Brooks and will be held generally on the third Thursday of every month from 3-4pm. The first meeting will be on Thursday 18th October. Notes will be sent home.

Pre-Enrolment for September 2019

A pre-enrolment form has been sent home for you to complete if you have a child who may be starting school next year, or the year after. Please ensure you return this to school in order for you to receive an application form in December if your child is starting in September 2019. If you have any questions about enrolment, then do not hesitate to contact the school.

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Half Term Holidays

School will close for Halloween Holidays on Friday, 26th October at 1.45pm for all children. School will be closed Monday 29th Oct - Friday 2nd Nov and will reopen on Monday 5th November.

Snack Money

Pupils in P1 to P4 should send £3 snack money in a labelled envelope, separate from dinner money into school each Monday morning.

Coats

We encourage all pupils to bring a coat to school as the weather is not always predictable in Coagh! (Please ensure that they are labelled with your child's name)

World War 1 Presentation

David Hume (Journalist and Historian) will be giving a presentation on World War 1 and how it had an impact locally. This event is open to anyone in the local community who is interested in hearing more about World War 1. David is a 'fountain of knowledge' on World War 1 and has held talks/presentations throughout Ireland. The presentation will take place on Wednesday 17th October at 7.30pm. As well as the presentation there will also be artefacts on show which Arnold Beattie has organized. David and Arnold are very happy to answer any questions people might have.

School Garden

A massive thank you to all parents and pupils who assisted during the gardening evening. The Garden again looks great and the pupils are really enjoying this super resource.

Early Bird & Fun Clubs

Early Bird Club and the Fun Club will take place in the hall. On dry mornings, the Early Bird Club will be outside. If you are using this club, please bring your child into school and leave 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.**

Early Bird Club 8.30 – 8.50 am

50p per morning/child

Fun Club P1-P3, 1.45-3.00 pm

£1 per day/child

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

School Meals

The cost of school meals remains at £2.60 per day, or £13.00 per week. Please send money in a labelled envelope.

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. We would also ask you not to send strawberries to school as a pupil is undergoing tests for a strawberry allergy.

Collection of Pupils

All parents will have received information about our new Collection 'Pick Up' Policy and all completed forms should be returned to the school ASAP. All pupils should be collected from the front door of the school at 1.45pm or 3pm by a parent/guardian. **If you wish your child to walk home, please complete the relevant part of the collection form.**

With almost 100 pupils now at Coagh Primary School the number of parents/guardians collecting pupils at 1.45pm and 3pm has increased too. We would again encourage all parents to remember the 'Highway Code' with regard to the Yellow 'Zig Zag' lines at the front of the school. The School Car Park is available for anyone with mobility issues to allow ease of collection. (No child should walk across the carpark without an adult coming to the door to collect them). Remember the safety of all our pupils is our priority and we ask for your cooperation at collection time.



Mr I. Bayne

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