

# COAGH PRIMARY SCHOOL



## January 2019 Newsletter

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This is the last monthly newsletter of 2018. As always the first term has been an incredibly busy one and all our pupils and staff have worked exceptionally hard since August! We hope that your child enjoyed the run up to Christmas with the various concerts, pantomime trip and party days that they have been involved with. On behalf of all the staff I would like to pass on our appreciation for your continued support throughout Term 1. The staff have received so many cards, gifts and words of appreciation – thank you for your amazing generosity. We hope that all our families have a peaceful Christmas and enjoy the time off over the next two weeks. Happy Christmas and see you all back in January 2019.

### Diary Dates

**Christmas Holidays-** Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

(School closes at 12 noon on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec and reopens at 8.30am on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Jan)

**P1 Admissions-** Online Portal Opens 10am on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January – 12 midnight Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January

**‘Birds of Prey’-** Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January

**Library Van-** Monday 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> January

**IFA Coaching with Gareth Porter-** Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January P1, P2 and P3

**P4 and P7 Swimming Lessons-** Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January (10 weeks)

**P5-P7 Tag Rugby Coaching-** Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January (6 weeks)

**Scripture Union Club-** Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January 3-4pm (P4-P7)

**Piano Tuition-** Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January

**Violin Tuition-** Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January

**Piping and Drumming Tuition-** Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January

**Rainey Endowed Open Night-** Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January (P6 Pupils)

**Horrible History Club-** Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January 3-4pm (P4-P7)

**Shared Education Project P5-P7-** Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January

**Sports Event at Rainey Endowed-** Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January

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**Eco Committee-** Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January 3-4pm (Committee members)

**'Calmer Shores' Programme P6/7-** Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January (4 weeks)

**Parkanaur 'Ice Breaker' Day with Ballylifford P5-P7-** Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January

## Christmas Concerts

Thank you to everyone who supported the pupils during the Christmas Concerts on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2018. All the pupils were fantastic and we hope you enjoyed their performances. Thank you to the Presbyterian Church for the use of their fantastic facilities.



## Charity Appeal



The School Council decided to change the way we collected money for our Annual Charity Appeal. They thought the Appeal should take place during the Christmas Concert to link with the theme of 'Giving at Christmas'. The School Council decided that 'Northern Ireland Cancer Fund for Children' should be our charity for 2018/19. Thanks to the generosity of those attending the Christmas Concerts an amazing £563.50 was raised! Brilliant effort!

## Christmas Holidays

School will close for Christmas Holidays on Friday, 21st December at 12 noon for all children. School will be closed Monday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January and will reopen on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January.

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## **Snack P1-P4**

Snack is available for P1-P4 pupils on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January. Rather than sending 60p into school on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January please send £3.60 on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January. P4 Pupils will no longer receive a snack on Tuesdays as they will be swimming so P4 pupils should reduce their weekly payment by 60p to reflect this, beginning from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January.

## **'Birds of Prey'**

'Birds of Prey' will be visiting the school on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January to give the pupils a demonstration and provide information on a variety of birds including Eagles, Owls and Kestrels. As in previous years this visit has been provided by the staff instead of individual Christmas Presents. This was a decision made by the School Council as they felt all the pupils would enjoy an 'experience' at the beginning of January more than an additional Christmas Present in December. Should you not wish your child to take part in the 'Birds of Prey' visit or have any questions please contact the school office.

## **Extended Schools Clubs**

Early Bird, Fun and Homework Clubs will all begin on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January. Early Bird Club is available each morning from 8.30am, Fun Club for P1-P3 pupils 1.45pm-3pm and Homework Club is available each day from 3pm - 5.30pm

## **School Meals**

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

## **Library Van**

The library van will make its first visit of 2019 on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January and then again on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January. Please remember to bring your library cards and any books that were borrowed over the Christmas holidays.

## **IFA Coaching with Gareth Porter**

Gareth will continue to provide coaching for pupils in P1, P2 and P3 during January 2019. P4 pupils will no longer receive IFA coaching as they will be attending swimming lessons on Tuesday mornings. Gareth will begin coaching on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January.

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## **P4 and P7 Swimming**

Swimming lessons commence on Tuesday, 8th January for P4 and P7. Lessons continue each Tuesday for 10 weeks until 26th March 2019. Consent forms have been sent home and should be returned at the beginning of January.

## **P1 Applications**

This year all Applications for P1 places should be made online via Education Authority Website. Further information on the process is available by clicking the link ([P1 Admissions Information](#)). All applications for children beginning primary school in September 2019 should be made online between 10am on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January and 12 midnight on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January. Should you require any advice or assistance please contact the school office.

## **P5-P7 Tag Rugby**

During PE lessons beginning on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January pupils from P5-P7 will take part in Tag Rugby coaching with David McClelland (Rainey Old Boys Rugby Club). Consent forms have been sent home and should be returned to school at the start of January. We plan to utilise some of the excellent sporting facilities available to us in the village by using the 3G pitch at Coagh Sports Arena if the weather is favourable.

## **Scripture Union**

Scripture Union for children from P4-P7 continues on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> January 3-4pm. Scripture Union will be led by Mrs. Michael and will be held the first Thursday of every month.

## **Magherafelt High School**

The Principal of Magherafelt High School will talk to P5, P6 and P7 children on Wednesday, 9th January.

## **Mr Savage- Violin Tuition**

Mr Faulkner will be in school on Thursday mornings during term 2 for Violin tuition. This will begin on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

## **Mrs Walker- Piano Tuition**

Shirley Walker will continue to provide Piano Tuition on Thursdays. This will recommence on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January.

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## **Piping and Drumming**

Piping and Drumming tuition will begin again on Friday 11th January 2019 with Geoff Hamilton and Lowry Ferguson.

## **Rainey Endowed Open Night**

An Open Night for current P6 pupils and any P7 pupils who sat the GL Entrance Test in November will be held at Rainey Endowed School on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm.

## **'Horrible Histories' Club**

Horrible Histories after school club continues on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January 3-4pm for children from P4-P7. It will be led by Mrs. Wilson and will be held generally on the second Thursday of every month.

## **Shared Education**

Following the successful project with Ballylifford Primary School last year, the pupils in P5, P6 and P7 will once again embark on a Shared Education Project beginning on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January. The focus for this year will be 'World Around Us' and 'ICT'. More information will be sent home with P5-P7 pupils in January. An 'Ice Breaker' Day will take place on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January at Parkanaur Forest Park.

## **Sports Event at Rainey Endowed**

Rainey Endowed have invited a team of 14 pupils from the P5 class at Coagh Primary School to attend a Primary School Sports Competition on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January. Information will be sent home with P5 pupils in January.

## **Eco Schools Club**

Eco Schools will meet on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January. It will be led by Miss Brooks and will be held generally on the third Thursday of every month from 3-4pm.

## **Breakfast with Santa**

'Breakfast with Santa' took place on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018. As in previous years it proved a great success. A huge thank you to the Parents' Association as all members put so much hard work into organising this event. A fantastic £2203.50 was raised. Great work everyone! Your contribution to Coagh Primary School is invaluable.

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## 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)

## 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

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 website

Our school website at [www.coaghprimaryschool.com](http://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.



Mr I. Bayne

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