

# COAGH PRIMARY SCHOOL



## September 2019 Newsletter

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### Diary Dates

**P1 Pupils Start-** Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August 9am – 12noon

**All Pupils Start-** Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August 9am – 12 noon

**Homework Club-** From Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 3pm – 5.30pm

**Library Van-** Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

**P4 - P7 Hockey Coaching-** Starting Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September (During Class)

**Sustrans Assembly and class visits** – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September

**Garden 'Tidy up'-** Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 6pm – 8pm

**Piping and Drumming Tuition-** Start date to be confirmed

**P1 Phonics Night-** (To be confirmed)

**Parents Association AGM-** (To be confirmed)

**Horrible History Club-** No club this month (Begins Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 3-4pm)

**Scripture Union Club-** No club this month (Begins Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 3-4pm)

**Eco Schools Committee-** No club this month (Begins Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 3-4pm)

### **September 2019**

School reopens on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August at 9.00am – 12noon for new P1 pupils. (No Early Bird or Fun Club)

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August from 9am – 12noon for all pupils from P1 – P7 (There will be Early Bird club but no Fun Club)

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September onwards (P1 9am-12noon, P2/3 9am-1.45pm and P4-P7 9am-3pm)

\*See next page for further details\* (Both Early Bird, Fun Club and Homework Club will be on)

### **Early Bird & Fun Clubs**

Once again, this year both the Early Bird Club and the Fun Club will take place in the School 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 them with Libby Carleton, either in the hall or

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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.

### **Water bottles**

Coagh PS water bottles are available in school at a cost of £2 each. Children can bring any water bottle to school each day, and drink when needed. However, please make sure water bottles have only water inside, not juice.

### **P1**

We have 22 new P1's beginning in September. Please remember all P1's go home at 12 noon for the first 2 weeks in September (Until Monday 16<sup>th</sup>). However, if your child is entitled to free school meals, he/she can be collected after they have their dinner, at 12.45pm, either in the school playground or from the dining hall. On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September all new P1 pupils will stay in school until 1pm and they will get either school dinners or packed lunches. At 1pm the P1 pupils will be collected from the front door of the school. From Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> September, P1 children will stay to 1.45pm. After that time, they can choose to either go home, or stay until 3pm at our Fun Club. Homework Club is also available to them.

### **Homework Club**

Following the success of Homework Club during the last two years it has been agreed that Homework Club will continue during 2019/20 in the same format as last year. Homework Club will run from 3pm – 5.30pm each day with the following pricing structure- £3 per hour or £7 from 3pm – 5.30pm. Homework Club will begin on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019 from 3pm – 5.30pm and is available for all pupils P1-P7.

### **Staffing for 2019-20**

Mrs T. Glasgow (Mon, Tues + Wed) and Mrs Montgomery (Thurs + Fri) will be teaching P1.

Mrs G. Crooks (Miss Brook's new married name) will be teaching P2/3.

Mrs A. Wilson will be teaching P4/5.

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Mr I. Bayne (Tues, Wed + Thurs) and Mrs H. Michael (Mon + Fri) will be teaching P6/7

Booster Groups and Individual withdrawal support will be provided by Mrs Michael.

### **Classroom Assistants:**

Mrs G. Gates

Mrs L. Carleton

Miss J. Dallas

Miss A. Brown

Ms L. Dunlop

Mrs L. Graham

Miss S. Muir

### **Welcoming new staff to Coagh Primary School**

We welcome one new member of staff to Coagh Primary School this September. Miss S. Muir will be joining our school as a classroom assistant working each day in a variety of classes. She joins us from Knockloughrim Primary School. Miss Muir is looking forward to meeting and getting to know all the pupils and parents at Coagh Primary School.



Miss S Muir (Classroom Assistant)

### **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.





## Snack Money

Pupils in P1 to P3 should send £3 snack money in a labelled envelope, separate from dinner money into school each Monday morning. P1 pupils should send £1.20 on 29/08/18 and P2/3 should send 60p on 30/08/18.

## Parents Association Summer Fair

A huge thank you to the members of the Parents Association who organised and assisted during the Summer Fair in June. The weather was lovely and everyone enjoyed their food and activities. It was great to see everyone playing 'crazy golf'. Maybe the next Rory McIlroy is in Coagh. Thank you to all our sponsors and in particular Mid Ulster Council for supporting our Summer Fair.



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District Council

## School Uniform

Could I remind parents to please ensure your child wears full school uniform to school each day.

\*Please ensure that all items of uniform have your child's name on them\*

Boys – polo shirt, school sweatshirt, grey trousers, grey socks, black shoes (no jogging bottoms or multicoloured trainers).

Girls – polo shirt, school sweatshirt, grey skirt/pinafore/trousers, grey tights/white socks, black shoes (no jogging bottoms or multicoloured trainers).

## P1 PE

P1 children should bring the appropriate sportswear in a PE bag which should be left in school.

## P2 - P7 PE Uniform

Following the success of Key Stage 2 pupils wearing 'PE Uniform' to school each Wednesday for PE last year it has been decided that this should continue during 2019/20. From the 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019 pupils from P2 – P7 should come to school on their PE day (Wednesday) wearing plain black/navy sports bottoms/leggings and trainers. These will be worn with their school Polo Shirt and Jumper. (We urge pupils to wear dark sports bottoms/leggings as they

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blend in with current uniform. No multi-coloured ones please, otherwise PE Uniform will need to be revised)

### Free school meals

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) can apply if your son or daughter is in full-time education and if you are in receipt of one of the following benefits: -

- Income Support;
- Income Based Jobseeker's Allowance;
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance;
- Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit;
- Child Tax Credit or Working Tax Credit with an annual taxable income of £16,190 or less;
- Universal credit and have net household earnings not exceeding £14,000 per year.

Please complete the form attached to the link below

<https://www.eani.org.uk/sites/default/files/2019-05/Final%20General%2019-20%20GG.pdf>

or search on the Education Authority Website. This needs to be completed each year even if you were entitled in previous years. **(This should be completed ASAP as the Education Authority is very busy processing these during July and August in time for September)**

### 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.

### School Garden

Our school garden has become very overgrown during the summer holidays. We are holding a Gardening Evening on Thursday, 5th September 6pm – 8pm and are asking parents/community members/children/past pupils to come along to help give it a good tidy up. If anyone who is able to bring a trailer to dispose of the cuttings etc. it would be much

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appreciated. Please make every effort to come along to help out. **Many hands make light work!**

### **Library van visit**

The library van, where children can borrow up to 3 books, will return once a fortnight, each Monday. The first Library Van visit will be on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. **Application forms have been given to new P1 pupils. These should be returned to school ASAP so that we can get a new library card for each pupil. If your P1 child already has a library card, please send it to school on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September and we can photocopy it so that we have a copy in school for future ease of use.**

### **Piping and drumming**

Piping and drumming lessons for P4-P7 recommence during September (Date to be confirmed). Lessons are taught and paid for in blocks of 10 weeks.

### **Piano lessons**

Shirley Walker will recommence piano lessons on Thursdays for those children interested. If interested, please see your child's teacher.

### **P1 Phonics Night (To be confirmed)**

A Phonics evening for all P1 parents will be held towards the end of September in the school hall. Details to following shortly.

### **Parents Association AGM (To be confirmed)**

The Parents Association AGM will take place during September in the school hall. A date and time will be confirmed and communicated shortly to all parents. 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.

### **Eco Schools**

There will be no Eco Schools Meeting during September. The Eco schools committee will meet on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> October 3-4pm in the Resource area with Mrs Crooks.

### **Horrible History Club**

There will be no Horrible History Club this month. The Club will have its first meeting on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 3-4pm in Mrs Wilson's room.

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## Scripture Union Club

There will be no Scripture Union Club this month. The Club will have its first meeting on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 3-4pm in Mrs Michael's room.

## 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.

## Collection of Pupils

In accordance with our 'Pupil Collection Policy' all pupils should be collected from the front door of the school at 1.45pm or 3pm by a parent/guardian or by a 'known adult' who has been listed on the consent form. Pupils from P4-P7 are able to walk home as long as the appropriate form has been completed by a parent/guardian. Should you wish to discuss the school's 'Pupil Collection Policy' please make an appointment to speak with Mr. Bayne. New Forms will be sent out at the beginning of the academic year.

As a school we thank you in advance for your support throughout the upcoming year.



Mr I. Bayne



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