

# COAGH PRIMARY SCHOOL



## October 2019 Newsletter

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### Diary Dates

**P1 Pupils stay until 1.45pm-** Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September

**Library Van-** Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September and 14<sup>th</sup> October

**Parents Association AGM-** Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 7.30pm

**P4 – P7 Hockey Coaching-** Continues each Wednesday (P6/7 1-2pm, P4/5 2-3pm)

**P5-P7 Football Club-** Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> October 3-4pm

**School Council Election-** Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

**Scripture Union Club-** Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 3-4pm (P4-P7)

**Eco School Committee Election-** Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October

**Tempest Photography-** Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October from 8.30am

**Horrible History Club-** Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 3-4pm (P4-P7)

**‘Superhero Challenge’-** Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October

**Deirdre Chestnutt Evening-** Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm in Presbyterian Church Hall

**Eco Committee-** Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 3-4pm (Committee members)

**Tri-County Football Tournament Day 1-** Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October

**Firework Safety Talk (PSNI)-** Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

**Half Term-** School will close at 1.45pm for all pupils on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October and reopen on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> 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, 30<sup>th</sup> September. 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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## **Library Van**

The library van will visit school on the following dates- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September and Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October.

## **Parents Association AGM (Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October)**

The Parents Association AGM will take place on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## **Football Club**

Football Club begins on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> October. The Tri County Competition dates are Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October and 22<sup>nd</sup> November. We have enjoyed excellent success over the last three years winning this tournament on two occasions.

## **School Council**

An election to select members of the school council will take place on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, 3<sup>rd</sup> October 3-4pm. Scripture Union will be led by Mrs. Michael and will be generally held the first Thursday of every month. Notes will be sent home with a complete list of dates.

## **Eco Schools Club**

An election will take place on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October to elect the Eco Schools Committee. This will be for Pupils from P4-P7. It will be led by Mrs Crooks and will be held generally on the third Thursday of every month from 3-4pm. The first meeting will be on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October. Notes will be sent home with a complete list of dates.

## **School Photographs**

Tempest Photography will visit school on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> 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 8.20am onwards.

### **'Horrible Histories' Club**

Horrible Histories after school club will begin on Thursday 10th October 3-4pm for children from P4-P7. It will be led by Mrs Wilson and will mostly be held on the second Thursday of every month. Notes will be sent home with exact dates and consent.

### **Pre-Enrolment for September 2020**

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 information on the application process etc. if your child is starting in September 2020. If you have any questions about enrolment, then do not hesitate to contact the school.

### **Sustrans 'Superhero Fortnight'**

Jonny from 'Sustrans' was in school recently to launch 'Superhero Fortnight' which will begin on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October and end on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October. The aim of the event is to encourage as many pupils as possible to make 10 'active' journeys to school over the two-week period. This could involve cycling, walking, scooting or 'park and stride' journeys. 'Park and Stride' journeys are extremely useful for any of our pupils who are unable to walk from their house. It is possible to park on the main street and 'stride' to school from there.

### **An Evening with Deirdre Chestnutt**

The Parents Association have organised an evening with Deirdre Chestnutt (Unique Personal Stylist and Blogger) for Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm in Coagh Presbyterian Church Hall. Tickets are £10 and it should be a fantastic evening.

### **Half Term Holidays**

School will close for Halloween Holidays on Friday, 25th October at 1.45pm for all children. School will be closed Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Oct - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Nov and will reopen on Monday 4th November.

### **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.

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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)

## 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

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](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.

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## 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

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 110 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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