# COAGH PRIMARY SCHOOL



# November 2019 Newsletter

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# **Diary Dates**

Half Term Holidays- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November P4 – P7 Hockey Coaching- Continues each Wednesday (P6/7 1-2pm, P4/5 2-3pm) P5-P7 Football Club- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> November 3-4pm Violin Tuition- Continues each Thursday (All pupils should bring their instruments) Piano Tuition- Continues with Shirley Walker each Thursday. Scripture Union Club- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 3-4pm (P4-P7) **Piping and Drumming Tuition**- Continues each Friday (All pupils bring their instruments) Book Club with Jennifer Crooks- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> November Flu Vaccine- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November Library Van- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November and 25<sup>th</sup> November Hope for Youth Ministries- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November Parent / Teacher Interviews- Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th November Horrible History Club- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 3-4pm (P4-P7) Parents Association 'Movie Night'- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November Tri-County Football Tournament Day 2- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November Eco Committee- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November 3-4pm (Committee members) **Open Night-** Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November 7pm - 8.30pm Breakfast with Santa- Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 10am – 12.30pm Christmas Concert- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 10am and 7pm

# Half Term Holidays

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



# **Parents Association**

Following the Parents Association AGM, the following parents were elected on the committee: Emma McCrea (Chairperson), Debbie Poots (Vice-Chairperson), Judith Friend (Treasurer) and Jennifer Crooks (Secretary).

The Parents Association will meet several times during November (Dates and times will be on School Website). These meetings are extremely important as the annual 'Breakfast with Santa' event is in the process of being organised and all assistance from parents is extremely welcome.

# An Evening with Deirdre Chestnutt

Thank you to everyone who helped support The Parents Association evening with Deirdre Chestnutt on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October. It was an enjoyable evening and a fantastic total of £880.71 was raised. A massive thank you to everyone and in particular the members of the Parents Association who helped organise the evening and make it a great success.

# **Football Club**

Football Club continues on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November in the build up to the second day of the 'Tri County' Competition. After the first day of the Tri County Competition on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October the football team are sitting second in the league having won three out of the four matches played. The final day of the competition is the 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

# Scripture Union

Scripture Union for children from P4-P7 continues on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> November 3pm - 4pm. Scripture Union will be led by Mrs. Michael.

# Flu vaccine

The flu vaccine will be administered to all those who consented on Friday, 8th November beginning at 9am. Please make sure your child is punctual on this day.

# Library Van

The library van will visit school on the following dates- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> and Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November.



# **Hope for Youth Ministries**

Colin Tinsley from Hope for Youth Ministries will be in school from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November until Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November. He will be leading an Assembly each morning for the whole school.

#### **Parent Interviews**

Parent interviews for all parents will take place on Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th November, 1-4pm. All children will go home at 12.45pm on both days to enable interviews to take place. There will be no Fun Club or Homework Club. Letters with the date and time of your interview have gone home in your child's schoolbag. If the date or time does not suit, please contact Mrs. Gates in the school office to rearrange a suitable date and time.

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

Horrible Histories after school club will continue on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 3-4pm for children from P4-P7. It will be led by Mrs Wilson.

#### **Movie Night**

A Movie Night for all pupils has been organised by the Parents Association and will take place on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November. Further details regarding times and movies will be available nearer the time.

#### Eco Committee

The Eco Committee after school club will continue on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November 3-4pm for those pupils on the Committee. It will be led by Mrs Crooks.

#### **Open Night**

Open night for both preschool children and their parents will take place on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> November, at 7pm (more details to follow).

#### **Breakfast with Santa**

Breakfast with Santa takes place on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 9.45am - 12.30pm (more details to follow). Please try and come along to support fund raising by the Parents'



Association as all members put so much hard work into organising this event. Money raised this year will go towards resources for all children.

# **Christmas Concert**

The Christmas Concert will be on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 10am and 7pm.

# **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.

#### **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.

#### 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 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.



# **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 <u>www.coaghprimaryschool.com</u>. 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.

# **Collection of Pupils**

All parents have received information about our 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 or named adult on your child's completed 'Pick Up' list. **If you wish you 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

