

COAGH PRIMARY SCHOOL



January 2020 Newsletter

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This is the last monthly newsletter of 2019. 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 2020.

Diary Dates

Christmas Holidays- Monday 23rd December – Tuesday 7th January

(School closes at 12 noon on Friday 20th Dec and reopens at 8.30am on Tuesday 7th Jan)

P1 Admissions- Online Portal Opens 12noon on Tuesday 7th January – 12noon Thursday 30th January

Swimming Lessons- Tuesday 7th January for P6/7 (10 Weeks)

Scripture Union Club- Wednesday 8th January 3-4pm (P4-P7)

Piano Tuition- Thursday 9th January

Violin Tuition- Thursday 9th January

Dance Club- Thursday 9th January, P1-P3 (2pm-3pm) and P4-P7 (3pm-4pm)

Piping and Drumming Tuition- Friday 10th January

Shared Education Project P6/P7- Monday 13th January

Emotional Resilience Workshop P4/5- on Monday 13th and Thursday 23rd January

Horrible History Club- Wednesday 15th January 3-4pm (P4-P7)

Amazon Jungle Show- Friday 17th January

Library Van- Monday 20th January

Eco Committee- Wednesday 22nd January 3-4pm (Committee members)

Hockey 'Blitz' Tournament- Wednesday 29th January at Cookstown High School

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Christmas Concerts

Thank you to everyone who supported the pupils during the Christmas Concerts on Tuesday 17th December 2019. 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 Air Ambulance' should be our charity for 2019/20. Thanks to the generosity of those attending the Christmas Concerts an amazing £700 was raised! Brilliant effort!

Christmas Holidays

School will close for Christmas Holidays on Friday, 20th December at 12 noon for all children. School will be closed Monday 23rd Dec – Monday 6th January and will reopen on Tuesday 7th January.

Snack P1-P3

Snack is available for P1-P3 pupils on Tuesday 7th January. Please send £2.40 as this is only a four-day school week.



P6 and P7 Swimming

Swimming lessons commence on Tuesday, 7th January for P6 and P7. Lessons continue each Tuesday for 10 weeks until 31st March 2020. Consent forms have been sent home and should be returned at the beginning of January at the latest.

P1 Applications

This year all Applications for P1 places should be made online via The Education Authority Website. All applications for children beginning Primary School in September 2020 should be made online between 12noon on Tuesday 7th January and 12noon on Thursday 30th January. Should you require any advice or assistance please contact the school office.

Scripture Union

Scripture Union for children from P4-P7 continues on **Wednesday, 8th January** 3pm - 4pm. Scripture Union will be led by Mrs. Michael and this term it can change between the first Wednesday and first Thursday of the Month.

Mr Savage- Violin Tuition

Mr Faulkner will be in school on Thursday mornings during Term 2 for Violin tuition. This will begin on Thursday 9th January 2020.

Mrs Walker- Piano Tuition

Shirley Walker will continue to provide Piano Tuition on Thursdays. This will recommence on Thursday 9th January.

Dance Club

The after school Dance club will be held on a Thursday afternoon from 2pm – 3pm for P1-P3 pupils and 3pm – 4pm for P4-P7 pupils. It will be taken by a dance teacher from MR Sports. Dance Club will be held on the following dates- Thursday 9th January, Thursday 16th January, Thursday 23rd January, Thursday 30th January, Thursday 6th February, Thursday 13th February, Thursday 27th February and Thursday 5th March.

Those attending Dance Club should have returned their consent forms to the school office. (There are still a few spaces left in each session). Pupils should wear 'PE Uniform' on the Thursdays that Dance Club is on, this will save time changing prior to the session beginning.

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Piping and Drumming

Piping and Drumming tuition will begin again on Friday 10th January 2020 with Geoff Hamilton and Lowry Ferguson.

Shared Education

The P6/7 class will continue with their 'Junior Entrepreneur' Programme as part of their Shared Education with Ballylifford Primary School which they started at the end of November. The first session of 2020 will be on Monday 13th January.

'Horrible Histories' Club

Horrible Histories after school club continues on **Wednesday** 15th January 3-4pm for children from P4-P7. It will be led by Mrs. Wilson.

Amazon Jungle Show

The Amazon Jungle Show will be visiting the school on Friday 17th January to provide information on a variety of 'Jungle' animals. Pupils will have the opportunity to 'hold' these animals if they wish. As in previous years this visit has been provided by the staff instead of buying individual Christmas Presents for pupils. 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 'Amazon Jungle' visit or have any questions please contact the school office.

Emotional Resilience Workshop

Working in collaboration with SOFT Project in Cookstown we have Padraic Devlin (Calmer Shores) coming into the P4/5 class on Monday 13th and Thursday 23rd January. In line with our PDMU curriculum Padraic will work to develop the Emotional Resilience of the pupils in P4/5 during these sessions. (This project is funded by Lottery Funding and SOFT Project require completed forms from each family in P4/5 to secure funding- These will be sent home during the first week of January and should be returned on or before Monday 13th January).

Library Van

The library van will make its first visit of 2020 on Monday 22nd January. Please remember to bring your library cards and any books that were borrowed over the Christmas holidays.

Eco Schools Club

Eco Schools will meet on **Wednesday** 22nd January. It will be led by Miss Brooks from 3-4pm.

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Hockey 'Blitz' Tournament

This is the second 'Blitz' Tournament of the year following the one towards the end of November 2019. This tournament will be another opportunity for pupils to develop their hockey skills in match situations prior to the Ulster Qualifiers later in the year. We will be taking two girls and two boys teams. The tournament will take place on Wednesday 29th January at Cookstown High School. Further information and consent forms will be given out nearer the time.

Extended Schools Clubs

Early Bird, Fun and Homework Clubs will all begin on Tuesday 7th 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.

Breakfast with Santa

'Breakfast with Santa' took place on Saturday 30th November. 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 £2,526 was raised. Great work everyone! Your contribution to Coagh Primary School is invaluable.

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

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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 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.



Mr I. Bayne



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