



Drumahoe Primary School – Parent Memo: February 2022



Breakfast Club:

The Breakfast Club continues to operate in the Dining Centre from 8.00 a.m. – 9.00 a.m. each morning. This Club continues to be very successful, with lots of fun being had by all who attend. Children can come and purchase a “Breakfast Special” – choice of cereals, toast and tea/juice daily for £1.50 (£7.50 p.w.). Please note that the **kitchen stops serving at 8.30 a.m. sharp** so please make sure that your child is in before this time to ensure that they get their breakfast!

Parent/Teacher Interviews:

Parent interviews will take place next week from **Monday 7th to Wednesday 9th February**. Please remember that to accommodate the interviews and to ensure a staggered finish, P1 & P2 will go home at 1.55p.m. P3 & P4 at 2p.m. and P5-7 at 2.05p.m. If there are siblings in the family, then brothers/sisters can all leave at the time of the youngest sibling. You will receive a call from a withheld number at the time of your interview and I would ask that you adhere strictly to the time available as teachers have a strict schedule to keep. If for any reason you feel you require additional time, please contact the office and another appointment will be scheduled at a time that is convenient for your child’s teacher.

Water Bottles:

In the interests of health & safety, if your child brings a water bottle to school, could you ensure that it is periodically cleaned so as to avoid any potential health risk.

Not So Serious Burns:

A big thank you to the Ulster Scots Agency who were in school yesterday to perform ‘Not So Serious Burns’ for our P6s and P7s. The children (and teachers) thoroughly enjoyed the performance. Thank you to Miss Thompson for organising.

Uniform:

I have been delighted with the standard of uniform this year. It is great to see **almost** everyone adhering to the policy of **plain** black jog pants on P.E. days (x 3 days per week), and the full school uniform (x 2 days per week). Please ensure that your child adopts a positive attitude to school by wearing the correct uniform on the stipulated days – **only black shoes or black trainers are acceptable with full school uniform**. Any child who attends school in the incorrect uniform **must** have a note of explanation.

AQE:

The school would just like to say all the best to those who are awaiting their AQE results tomorrow. We are incredibly proud of each of you for all of the effort, hard-work and determination you have shown over the past few months.

Keeping in Touch:

The school has in place agreed procedures for keeping in touch with parents. If you have a query that you need answered the best way to contact us is through ringing the school office or using Seesaw/Google Classroom. Our Facebook page is not always monitored for messages. You can also send an email to the school account, the address of which is info@drumahoe.londonderry.ni.sch.uk

World Book Day:

World Book Day takes place this year on Thursday 3rd March. We would like to celebrate the joy of reading on this day by asking the children to come to school dressed as their favourite character from a book. Please do not feel that you need to go and buy a costume, homemade creations are often the best. Here is a link that you can follow to find ideas for dressing up that can be made at home. <https://www.worldbookday.com/dressing-up-ideas/>.

Safer Internet Day (S.I.D.):

Safer Internet day takes place on Tuesday 8th February. This day is designed to help inform young people of some of the dangers of being online. I.C.T. including the internet, email and mobile technologies, etc. has become an important part of learning in our school. We expect all children to be safe and responsible when using any I.C.T. Our monthly e-safety newsletter is available through the school App under the messages setting and highlights useful information for parents about how to keep

children safe online. This month's edition features information on how to set up parent controls on your home broadband and ways in which you can talk to your children about online safety.

You can read the Internet Policy of Drumahoe Primary School on the School Website/App and important advice is also given there. You will realise that your child will be able to access telecommunications networks throughout the world using the internet. You will understand that in school, this access is designed and intended as an educational tool to enhance learning and teaching and that he/she will receive instruction in the appropriate use of this resource

Half-term Holiday

The school will be closed for half-term from **Monday 14th February** to **Friday 18th February** (inclusive).

Easter Holidays:

School will close on **Friday 8th April 2022** for the Easter Holidays with a staggered finish time of 12.00 for P1 and P2, 12.05 for P3 and P4 and 12.10 for P5, P6 and P7 and will re-open for the Summer Term on **Monday 25th April 2022**.

Additional Spring & Summer Term Closings:

School will be closed for pupils on the following dates:

Thursday 17th and Friday 18th March (St. Patrick's Day)

Monday 2nd May (Bank Holiday)

Thursday 5th May (NI Assembly Election)

Thursday 2nd June, Friday 3rd June, and Monday 6th June (Queen's Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday)

Other Spring & Summer Term important dates:

- Monday 4th – Thursday 7th April – P6 Trip to Gortatole
- Tuesday 3rd – Friday 6th May 2022 – P7 Trip to Gortatole
- Tuesday 14th June 2022 – Sports Day
- Thursday 23rd June 2022 – Fun Night B.B.Q.
- Reports Home – Friday 24th June 2022

The format of these outdoors events as well as the possibility of holding our annual indoor events such as Drumahoe's Got Talent (DGT) and the P7 'Leavers Assembly' will be very much dependent on the restrictions that are in place at this time with regard to COVID-19. I will be in touch closer to the time to inform you of the arrangements for these events and the dates (hopefully) for any indoor gatherings we might be able to have.



E Walker
Principal