



Drumahoe Primary School – Parent Memo: March 2022

School App:

The School App is now the primary means of communication within school and it is vital that you download it because in the event of an emergency or an emerging situation, this is how we will communicate with you. A recent example of this was when the heating was not working after the recent storms.

To date 1139 people have downloaded the School App. The “App” which can be downloaded either by visiting the relevant App Store (Apple or Google) – see links below or by scanning the attached QR code.

Drumahoe Primary School App iTunes Links: <https://goo.gl/hQt1t2>
Drumahoe Primary School Google Play Link: <https://goo.gl/V6aQ6y>



Please download the App and get all the latest school information straight to your smartphone and/or tablet. The App will now form part of our communication system as well as the School Website, Twitter & Facebook Site to keep you informed about current events in school.

Meeting Requests:

I would like to remind everyone of the school policy and protocols in relation to requesting a meeting with a member of staff. If you have any queries about your child or wish to see your child's teacher for any reason, then please do not hesitate to contact the school when a mutually convenient time can be arranged for a meeting to take place.

This contact should always be made through the Front Office by calling in person or ringing to arrange a meeting. (028-71302284). In no circumstances should any parent ever arrive unannounced at a teacher's room without prior notice and without accurate and concise information in relation to the issue(s) that you wish to raise. **I would also ask that everyone treats our staff with respect and courtesy at all times.**

If a matter remains unresolved following contact with the relevant member of staff, then the School's Complaints Policy should be followed in respect of the next line of communication.

Health Clinics:

You may have seen from our Facebook page that Drumahoe Community Association are holding health clinics in the school assembly hall on Wednesday 9th and Wednesday 16th March. They will be held from 4pm – 6pm. You will be able to avail of free health screening on the day and receive confidential advice. Please contact **07561692087** to book a place.

World Book Day:

We are celebrating World Book Day in school on Thursday 3rd March. We are asking that the children come to school that day dressed as a character from their favourite book. The teachers have planned fun activities for your child to complete in class/school on Thursday and it promises to be a lot of fun.

PTA Meeting:

As we are planning to hold our Fun Night BBQ and other events in the Summer term, we are looking to our wonderful parents to provide support for these initiatives. The PTA is vital in allowing these events to take place and I hope that as we attempt to return to 'normal' that the school can rely on your support which has been tremendous in the past. We are planning to hold a PTA meeting **on Thursday 10th March at 6.30pm** in the Dining Centre. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss fundraising ideas and also to elect a new committee. I promise not to keep you very long and it would be great to meet some of you in person. New faces are always welcome.

School Photographer:

Cool for School Photos will be in school on **Friday 11th March** to take individual portraits, P1 and P7 class photographs and family groups from within school. If you would like your child's/children's photograph taken, then please follow the instructions on the letter accompanying this memo on how to register for this online.

P.E. Uniform: Please ensure that all pupils adhere to the regulations for proper footwear and clothing for P.E. lessons. I would ask that you make sure your child has a white polo shirt, black shorts, plain black jogging pants/tracksuit bottoms and a change of gym slippers on their designated P.E. day. Predominantly black or white trainers ONLY should be worn to school on PE days. Earrings are not permitted, except for children with pierced ears, who may wear studs on those days when they do not have swimming or P.E. On swimming and P.E. days studs should not be worn.

Summer Uniform - during next term it is acceptable to wear Summer Uniform:

Girls - red gingham dresses that may be worn with official Drumahoe sweatshirt or the standard grey cardigan/jumper. White socks should also be worn.

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Boys - white polo shirt that may be worn with official Drumahoe sweatshirt or the standard grey jumper (no need for a tie).

Passport & Driving Applications – a friendly reminder that due to the increasing number of requests to complete these applications and the subsequent pressure on the admin staff in school, it was decided last year to levy an Administration Charge of £10.00 per Application Form for this service. The money collected is deposited into the Kids Forum Fund which the Class Reps will decide how best the money can be used to improve the school.

Easter Holidays:

School will close at **noon on Friday 8th April 2022** for the Easter Holidays and will re-open for the Summer Term on **Monday 25th April 2022 at the usual staggered times.**

Other Spring & Summer Term important dates:

- Thursday 17th and Friday 18th March – school closed for St. Patrick's Day
- Monday 4th – Thursday 7th April 2022 – P6 Trip to Gortatole
- Friday 8th April – House Egg Hunt
- School will close for pupils at noon (P1 and P2), 12.05pm (P3,4 and 5) and 12.10pm (P6 and P7) **on Friday 8th April 2022** for the Easter Holidays and will re-open for the Summer Term on **Monday 25th April 2022**
- Monday 2nd May – school closed – Bank Holiday
- Tuesday 3rd – Friday 6th May 2022 – P7 Trip to Gortatole
- Thursday 5th May – school closed for Election
- Thursday 2nd, Friday 3rd and Monday 6th June school closed for the Whit Bank Holiday and Queen's Platinum Jubilee.
- Tuesday 14th June 2022 – Sports Day (weather permitting)
- Thursday 23rd June 2022 – Fun Night B.B.Q.
- Friday 24th June – reports go home
- Wednesday 29th June – P7 'Leavers Assembly' – provisional date – dependent on COVID restrictions
- Thursday 30th June 2022 – School ends for summer

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Principal