



# COAGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

## September 2017 Newsletter

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### Diary Dates

**P1 Pupils Start**- Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August 9am – 12noon

**All Pupils Start**- Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August 9am – 12 noon

**Library Van**- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September

**P4 – P7 Hockey Coaching**- Starting Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September

**Garden 'Tidy up'**- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September 6pm – 8pm

**Scruffs Dog Show and Fun Day**- In Coagh on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September 12 noon – 4pm

**P4/5 Library Visit**- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September

**P1 Phonics Night**- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 7pm (To be confirmed)

**Parents Association AGM**- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 7.30pm (To be confirmed)

**Horrible History Club**- No club this month (Begins Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 3-4pm)

**Scripture Union Club**- No club this month (Begins Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 3-4pm)

**Eco Schools Committee**- No club this month (Begins Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 3-4pm)

**Piping and Drumming Tuition**- Each Friday after break (Start date to be confirmed)

**Fife and Flute Tuition**- Each Tuesday 9-10am (Start date to be confirmed)

### **September 2017**

School reopens on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August at 9.00am – 12noon for new P1 pupils. (No Early Bird or Fun Club)

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August from 9am – 12noon for all pupils from P1 – P7 (There will be Early Bird club but no Fun Club)

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 9am – 3pm for all pupils P1 – P7 (Both Early Bird and Fun Club will be on)

### **Early Bird & Fun Clubs**

Once again, this year both the 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

### **Water bottles**

Coagh PS water bottles are available in school at a cost of £2 each. Children can bring any water bottle to school each day, and drink when needed. However, please make sure water bottles have only water inside, not juice.

### **P1**

We have 13 new P1's beginning in September. Please remember all P1's go home at 12 noon for the first 4 weeks in September. However, if your child is entitled to free school meals, he/she can be collected after they have their dinner, at 12.45pm, either in the school playground or from the dining hall. From Monday, 2nd October, P1 children will stay to 1.45pm. After that time, they can choose to either go home, or stay till 3pm at our Fun Club.

### **Staffing for 2016-17**

Miss G. Brooks will be teaching P1/2.

Mrs H. Michael will be teaching P3.

Mrs A. Wilson will be teaching P4/5.

Mr I. Bayne will be teaching P6/7. Mrs G. Montgomery will cover P6/7 on a Monday and Friday.

### **Classroom Assistants:**

Mrs G. Gates

Mrs L. Carleton

Miss J. Dallas

Miss A. Brown

### **Welcoming new staff members to Coagh Primary School**

We welcome two new members of staff to Coagh Primary School this September. Miss Brooks will be teaching P1/2 from 30<sup>th</sup> August while Mrs Glasgow is on maternity leave. Miss Brooks is a foundation trained teacher who has previously been teaching P1/2 at Carniny Primary School near Ballymena. Miss Brown will be joining our school as a classroom assistant initially

working from 1-3pm each day in Key Stage 2 and assisting with Fun Club. She joins us from Cookstown Primary School where she has been working for the past few years. Both Miss Brooks and Miss Brown are looking forward to meeting all the pupils and parents at Coagh Primary School.



Miss Brooks (P1/2 Teacher)

Miss Brown (Classroom Assistant)

### **School Meals**

The cost of school meals has risen yet again, now £2.60 per day, or £13.00 per week. Please send money in a labelled envelope.

### **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. P1 pupils should send £1.80 on 30/08/17 and P2/P3 should send £1.20 on 31/08/17.

### **School Uniform**

Could I remind parents to please ensure your child wears full school uniform to school each day.

Boys – polo shirt, school sweatshirt, grey trousers, grey socks, black shoes or black trainers (no jogging bottoms or multicoloured trainers).

Girls – polo shirt, school sweatshirt, grey skirt/pinafore/trousers, black tights/white socks, black shoes or black trainers (no jogging bottoms or multicoloured trainers.)

On PE days, children should bring the appropriate sportswear in their PE bags which can be left in school if so desired.

### **Free school meals**

If money coming into your house is £16,190 per year, or less, you could be entitled to free school meals/free uniform for your child. If you think this could apply to you, please ask in school for the necessary form.

### **School website**

Our school website at [www.coaghprimaryschool.com](http://www.coaghprimaryschool.com). continues to be the main point of information for parents.

If you have no access to the internet at home, please inform us in school so paper copies can be sent to you.

### **Little Acorns, Coagh Playgroup**

The playgroup continues to run in St Luke's Parish Hall, Bridgend. The leader of the playgroup continues to be Jennifer Park.

### **School Garden**

Our school garden has become very overgrown during the summer holidays. We are holding a Gardening Evening on Thursday, 7th September 6pm – 8pm and are asking parents/community members/children/past pupils to come along to help give it a good tidy up. Please make every effort to come along to help out. **Many hands make light work!**

### **Library van visit**

The library van, where children can borrow up to 3 books, will return once a fortnight, each Monday. The first Library Van visit will be on Monday 4th September.

### **Piping and drumming**

Piping and drumming lessons for P4-P7 recommence on Fridays during September. Dates to be confirmed. Lessons are taught and paid for in blocks of 10 weeks. The first 10 weeks, from now to Christmas, cost £30 up front or £3 per week, whatever suits you. Information letters will be sent home.

### **Piano lessons**

Shirley Walker will recommence piano lessons on Thursdays for those children interested. If interested, please see your child's teacher.

### **P4/5 Visit to Cookstown Library**

Pupils from P4/5 will visit Cookstown Library on Monday 25th September. They will leave school at 10.30am and return at 12.15pm.

### **P1 Phonics Night (To be confirmed)**

A Phonics evening for all P1 parents will be held on Thursday 28th September at 7pm in the school hall.

### **Parents Association AGM (To be confirmed)**

The Parents Association AGM will take place on Thursday 28th September at 7.30pm in the school hall. The Parents Association has had another very successful year and has raised money for new playground markings and 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.

### **Eco Schools**

There will be no Eco Schools Meeting during September. The Eco schools committee will meet on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> October 3-4pm in the Resource area with Miss Brooks.

### **Horrible History Club**

There will be no Horrible History Club this month. The Club will have its first meeting on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 3-4pm in Mrs Wilson's room.

### **Scripture Union Club**

There will be no Scripture Union Club this month. The Club will have its first meeting on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 3-4pm in Mrs Michael's room.

As a school we thank you in advance for your support throughout the upcoming year.



Mr I. Bayne