



COAGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

October 2017 Newsletter

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Diary Dates

P1 Pupils stay until 1.45pm- Monday 2nd October

Eco School Committee Election- Tuesday 3rd October

Parents Association Meeting- Tuesday 3rd October 8pm

P5-P7 Football Club- Wednesday 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th October 3-4pm

Scripture Union Club- Thursday 5th October 3-4pm (P4-P7)

Tempest Photography- Friday 6th October from 8.30am

Little Acorns Playgroup AGM- Thursday 12th October

Horrible History Club- Thursday 12th October 3-4pm (P4-P7)

Library Van- Monday 16th September

Eco Committee- Thursday 19th October 3-4pm (Committee members)

Tri-County Football Tournament Day 1- Friday 20th October

P4 – P7 Hockey Coaching- Continues each Wednesday (P6/7 1-2pm, P4/5 2-3pm)

Half Term- School will **close at 1.45pm for all pupils** on Friday 27th October and reopen on Monday 6th November at 9am

Piping and Drumming Tuition- Continues each Friday (All pupils bring their instruments)

Fife and Flute Tuition- Continues each Tuesday (All pupils should bring their instruments)

Piano Tuition- Continues with Shirley Walker each Thursday.

P1 children

P1 will stay to 1.45pm from Monday, 2nd October. They can go home at that time, or stay for Fun Club, 1.45-3pm at a cost of £1 per day. The 3-5pm Homework Club is also available (See School Office for more details) They will have written homework, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights. Please look in their schoolbags!

Parents' Association

The annual parents meeting was held on Thursday 28th September. There was a good turnout of parents with new faces along with some familiar ones! Congratulations to the following parents on achieving their new roles as post holders for the coming year. Chairperson- Judith Friend, Vice-Chairperson- Tracy Gillis, Secretary- Rachel Johnston and Treasurer- Janine Gates.

We would like to pass on our thanks to all those who came along to the evening and we would very much like to encourage those who maybe have been reluctant to come in the past, to give the next meeting a go. It is an opportunity for parents to share new ideas of ways to support the school with fundraising, alongside feeling part of the whole school community. If you were unable to make it to the AGM, then please add a note in your diary for the next meeting which will take place on Tuesday 3rd October at 8pm in the school. - everyone really is very welcome!

3pm - 5pm Homework Club

The school has recently started an after school 3-5pm Homework Club which is available for all pupils from P1-P7. It was started on the back of feedback from parents (May 2017 Questionnaire). Booking forms are available from the school office or they can be emailed by contacting Mr Bayne - ibayne452@c2kni.net . We are looking suggestions for a catchier name other than 3-5pm Homework Club! If you have any suggestions, please tell your child's teacher!

Scripture Union

Scripture Union for children from P4-P7 begins on Thursday, 5th October 3-4pm. Scripture Union will be led by Mrs Michael and will be held the first Thursday of every month. Notes will be sent home.

'Horrible Histories' Club

Horrible Histories after school club will begin on Thursday 12th October 3-4pm for children from P4-P7. It will be led by Mrs Wilson and will be held on the second Thursday of every month. Notes will be sent home.

Eco Schools Club

An election will take place on Tuesday 3rd October to elect the Eco Schools Committee. This will be for Pupils from P4-P7. It will be led by Miss Brooks and will be held generally on the third Thursday of every month from 3-4pm. Notes will be sent home.

School Council

An election to select members of the school council took place on Thursday 28th September. Two representatives from each class P3-P7 were elected by their class following the candidate speeches and manifestos. Congratulations to the following pupils on their election to the school council for 2017/18. P7- Caryn and Joshua, P6- Robbie and Timothy, P5- Reanna and Rory, P4- Casey and Toby, P3- Alesha and Lucy.

Football Club

Football Club begins on Wednesday 4th October and will continue on the following dates in the build up to the 'Tri County' Competitions. Football Club will be on the following

dates- Wednesday 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th October then Wednesday 8th November. The Tri County Competition dates are Friday 20th October and 17th November.

School Photographs

Tempest Photography will visit school on Friday, 6th October to take school photographs. All children will be photographed individually and in families. There will be no charge if you do not want the photographs. Any preschool children who want to have their photograph taken, either individually or with other family members, should come in to school from 8.30am onwards.

Library Van

The library van will visit school on the following dates- Monday 2nd and Monday 16th October.

Pre-Enrolment for September 2018

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 an application form in December if your child is starting in September 2018. If you have any questions about enrolment, then do not hesitate to contact the school.

Half Term Holidays

School will close for Halloween Holidays on Friday, 27th October at 1.45pm for all children. School will be closed Monday 30th Oct - Friday 3rd Nov and will reopen on Monday 6th November.

Test Week

During the week beginning on Monday 16th October pupils will receive several tests administered during class time by their teacher. Please make every effort to ensure that your child attends school during this week.

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.

Coats

We encourage all pupils to bring a coat to school as the weather is not always predictable in Coagh!

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 Garden

A massive thank you to all parents and pupils who assisted during the gardening evening which had to be postponed on several occasions.

P1 Phonics Night

Thank you to all the P1 parents who came to the P1 Phonics and Information evening. It was very informative. Thank to Miss Brooks for presenting on the evening.



Mr I. Bayne

