

COAGH PRIMARY SCHOOL



December 2017 Newsletter

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Diary Dates

Christmas Holidays- Thursday 21st December to Thursday 4th January 2017

Pupils return after Christmas on Thursday 4th January at 9 am

Open Night- Thursday 30th November 7 - 8.30 pm

Early Closure- Friday 1st December at 1pm for Breakfast with Santa Preparation

Breakfast with Santa- Saturday 2nd December 10am-12.30pm

Book Fair- Monday 4th – Wednesday 6th December

Little Acorns Open Night- Thursday 7th December 6.30pm-8pm

Mid Ulster in Harmony- Friday 8th December at Cookstown Primary School

Library Van Visit- Monday 11th December

Christmas Concert- Thursday 14th December 10am and 7pm

Christmas Dinner- Friday 15th December

Christmas Jumper Day- Friday 15th December- £1 Donation

Pantomime Trip- Monday 18th December

Christmas Parties- Tuesday 19th December

End of Term- School closes 12noon Wednesday 20th December

Hockey Coaching- Wednesday 6th and 13th December for P4 - P7

Piping and Drumming Tuition- Last day is Friday 1st December

Open Night

Open night for both preschool children and their parents will take place on Thursday, 30th November, at 7pm. The school choir will perform at 7pm, this will be followed by a talk from Mr Bayne at 7.15pm. Afterwards parents will be given a tour of the school by P6 and P7 pupils. Members of the choir will be taking part in various activities in the classrooms during the tours.

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.

Early home

All children will go home at 1pm on Friday 1st December. This will allow the Parents' Association to set up for Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, 2nd December, as all classrooms are used on the day.

Breakfast with Santa

Breakfast with Santa takes place on Saturday 2nd December 10am - 12.30pm. Anyone wishing to see Santa arrive should meet at the tree in the square from 9.45am (It'll be interesting to see which mode of transport he selects this year!) The draw for Raffle prizes will take place at 12noon. Please try and come along to support fund raising by the Parents' Association as all members put so much hard work into organising this event. Money raised this year will go towards resources for all children in school.

Christmas Post Box

The Christmas Post Box will be in the school corridor from Monday 4th December. Children wishing to bring cards for their friends should post cards in the post box. Please write the child's name, surname and class clearly on the front of the envelope as these cards are sorted and delivered by children in Mrs Michael's class so they need clear writing to help them!

Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be in school on Monday 4th, Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th December. It will be open on Monday 3pm-3.30pm, Tuesday 1.45pm-2.15pm and 3pm-3.30pm, Wednesday 1.45pm-2.15pm and 3pm-3.30pm.

Football Team

Congratulations to the School Football Team who won the Tri County Football Tournament for the second year running. There were 8 matches played over 2 days and didn't lose a match! A great achievement! The Trophy should be in school shortly! Mr Bayne has to make a visit to Ballytra Primary School to retrieve it.

Little Acorns Open Night

Little Acorns playgroup open night will take place on Thursday, 7th December 6.30pm - 8pm in Tamlaght Church Hall.

Cookstown in Harmony visit

P6/7 will take part in Cookstown in Harmony on Friday, 8th December, 10-11.30am in Cookstown Primary School. Children should wear their school uniform but can accessorise with Santa hats etc. Pupils are encouraged to bring a donation on the day for the Food Bank appeal.

Library Van

The library Van will be making its last visit to school of 2017 on Monday 11th December. Pupils should bring their library cards and books so that they can borrow new ones for the Christmas Period.

Christmas Concert

All parents, grandparents etc. are invited to our Christmas Concert which will take place on Thursday, 14th December in Coagh Presbyterian Church hall, performances being at 10am and 7pm. All children will go home at 12 noon following the morning performance and should return to school at 6.30pm for the evening performance. Children should wear school uniform for both performances. Parents not attending the evening performance should collect their children from their classroom at approx. 9.00pm. Little Acorns playgroup will take part in the morning concert at 10am. Following their late night, children can come in to school on Friday, 15th December any time up to 10.30am. Early Bird club will be on as usual, and teachers will be in school at the usual time.

Christmas Jumper Day

The school council are organising a Christmas jumper day on Friday 15th December. This is also the day of the Christmas dinner in school. All children should come wearing a Christmas jumper or accessorise with Christmas accessories e.g. tinsel or Santa Hats. Please send in £1 which the school council have decided to use to purchase a new backdrop for the Christmas Concert.

Pantomime Visit

The whole school will visit The Market Theatre, Armagh to see "Sleeping Beauty" on Monday, 18th December. Please send a packed lunch (Disposable bag etc.) which the children will eat after the Pantomime. (There will be no school dinners on this day). Children will have snack/break before they leave. **All pupils will return to school for 3pm collection.** Homework Club will run as usual on this day.

Christmas parties

P1-P7 Christmas parties will take place on Tuesday, 19th December. Please send in a packet of biscuits, crisps, and tray bakes etc for the party. Children should wear their party clothes on Tuesday 19th December.

Christmas Presents

During the most recent School Council Meeting it was decided that instead of School staff buying individual Christmas Presents for the pupils they would pay for an 'experience' for the pupils in the New Year. (More details to follow)

Christmas Holidays

School will close at 12.00 noon on Wednesday, 20th December and will reopen on Thursday, 4th January 2018 at 9am.

Microsoft Office 365

With many pupils and parents purchasing new tablets, laptops and PC's in the run up to Christmas the following information may be appropriate. Students are now able to download the full version of Microsoft Office for PC or Mac free of charge with their C2k username for installation on personal and home computers. Below are the steps you need to complete.

Get MS Office in 4 easy steps

1. Visit <http://portal.office.com>
2. Enter your C2k Username in **the format auser123@c2ken.net**
3. At the next box enter (i) your C2k username **auser123** and (ii) **password**
4. Download the version of MS Office you require

Wishing you all a very happy, restful, and blessed Christmas and New Year.

From everyone at Coagh Primary School