# **COAGH PRIMARY SCHOOL**



## March 2018 Newsletter

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#### **Diary Dates**

Scripture Union Club- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March 3-4pm P5-P7 Shared Education Project- Each Thursday morning Leprosy Mission Charity Collection - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March Fife and Flute Tuition- Continues each Friday Piping and Drumming- Continues each Friday Library Van – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March Walk to School Week- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March P6/7 Swimming Lessons- Continues each Tuesday P4 Visit to Burnavon (Paul Howard)- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March Futsal Tournament- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March Horrible History Club – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March 3-4pm Hockey Tournament- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March **K'NEX Challenge**- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March **Eco School Committee-** Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March 3-4pm P4 'Must' Project with Ballylifford- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March Saint Patrick's Day- Monday 19th March Swimming Gala- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March **Easter Disco/Party-** Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March Easter Holidays- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March finish 12noon – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 9am

**Extended Schools Clubs** 

Early Bird Club is available each morning from 8.30am, Fun Club for P1-P3 pupils 1.45pm-3pm and Homework Club in available each day from 3pm-5pm

#### **School Meals**

The cost of school dinners remains at £2.60 per day. This means that it will cost £13.00 per week.

#### **Scripture Union Club**

The Scripture Union Club for pupils in P4-P7 on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March from 3-4pm in Mrs. Michael's room.

#### **Shared Education Project**

The P5-P7 pupils are taking part in a Shared Education Project with P5-P7 pupils from Ballylifford Primary School. They will travel to each school on alternate Thursday mornings until Easter and they will be looking at the topic of 'Titanic' for the World Around Us and 'Problem Solving' for Numeracy. The project will finish with a visit to the Titanic Centre (Belfast) after Easter. The pupils have been working on this project since the end of January and they have been enjoying visiting each other's schools and working together in World Around Us and Numeracy.



#### **Charity collection**

This year our charity collection will be for Leprosy Mission. Peter Hilton from Leprosy Mission talked to the children about their work on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February. All donations should be returned to school by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

#### Mr Faulkner- Fife and Flute Tuition

Mr Faulkner will be in school on Friday mornings during term 2 for Fife and Flute tuition.

#### **Piping and Drumming**

Piping and Drumming tuition continues each Friday morning until Easter. We are delighted that Danielle Hamilton is able to offer Tenor Drumming which will complement the Snare drumming already available from Geoff.

#### **Library Van**

The library van will be in school on Monday 5th March. Please remember to bring your library cards and any books that are borrowed.

#### Walk to School Week

The Eco Committee have organised a 'Walk to School Week' beginning on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March. Pupils are encouraged if possible to walk to school this week. More details will follow nearer the time.

#### P6/7 Swimming

Swimming lessons continue each Tuesday until 27th March 2017. There will be no swimming on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March (Swimming Gala)

#### P4 Visit to Burnavon (Paul Howard)

The P4 class will be visiting The Burnavon on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March to see Paul Howard. Paul Howard is a children's illustrator. He provided the illustrations for The Bravest Ever Bear, written by Allan Ahlberg, which won a Blue Peter Book Award. He has also worked with such well-known authors as Anne Fine, Gene Kemp, Joan Lingard, Penelope Lively, Jan Mark and Jenny Nimmo, among others.

#### **Futsal Tournament**

On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March there is a Futsal Tournament organised by the IFA at MUSA. Coagh are entering a Girls and a Boys Team to the tournament. We wish both teams good luck on the day.

#### **Horrible History Club**

Horrible Histories Club is on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March from 3-4pm in Mrs. Wilson's room.

#### **Hockey Tournament**

There will be a Hockey Tournament for local Primary Schools on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March. This will take place at Cookstown High School.

#### **K'NEX Challenge**

The regional qualifiers of the K'NEX Northern Ireland Challenge will take place on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March at The Royal School Dungannon. Mrs. Montgomery is taking two teams of two P6/7 pupils. We look forward to seeing what they create on the day.

#### **Eco-school Committee**

The Eco-school committee will meet on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 3-4pm with Miss Brooks.

#### P4 'Must' Project

The P4 pupils will be finishing their work with P3/4 pupils from Ballylifford Primary School on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March. The pupils are really enjoying this project which has been facilitated by The Speedwell Trust. They particularly loved the drumming workshop on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

#### Saint Patrick's Day

School will be closed on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March for Saint Patrick's Day.

#### **Swimming Gala**

Nine pupils from P6/7 will represent Coagh Primary School at the inter schools swimming gala on Tuesday 22nd March. We wish them good luck. There will be no swimming for P6/7 this Tuesday.

#### **Easter Disco/Party**

The Parents Association are planning an Easter Disco/Party evening for pupils on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March. It will be a similar format to the Disco held last November. Further details will follow closer to the event but currently the times are P1-P3 (6.30pm-7.30pm) and P4-P7 (7.35pm-8.45pm.)

#### **Easter Holidays**

School will close on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 12noon. Pupils will return to school on Wednesday 11th April at 9am.

#### **Christmas Concert 2017**

The school would like to thank Pastor Causby who kindly volunteered at the last minute to video the Christmas Concert in December 2017. A copy of the DVD is available in school at a cost of £3 per copy. (This is solely to cover the cost of creating the DVD). If you wish to

purchase a DVD, please send £3 in an envelope labelled Christmas Concert DVD or speak to someone in the school office.

#### **Northern Ireland Hockey Qualifiers**

Congratulations to the Boys Hockey Team who finished 3<sup>rd</sup> at the recent NI qualifying event at Cookstown High School. Some great results and play from everyone in the team. A special mention to Caleb who was awarded 'Player of the Tournament'. We congratulate Moneymore and Donaghey who now progress to the NI Finals in March.



#### **School Motto**

Staff and Governors working alongside pupils have come up with six possible mottos for the school. Pupils on the school council will be making the final decision as to what the new school motto will be. Below are the options.

'Community at our heart'

'Learning, friendship and fun for everyone'

'Where every child flourishes'

'Success through happiness'

'Growing and learning together'

'Happiness, Excellence and Achievement'