

# COAGH PRIMARY SCHOOL



## September 2018 Newsletter

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### Diary Dates

**P1 Pupils Start-** Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> August 9am – 12noon

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

**Homework Club-** From Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 3pm – 5.30pm

**Library Van-** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

**P5 – P7 Hockey Coaching-** Starting Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September

**Piping Demonstration-** Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September

**Garden 'Tidy up' -** Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September 6pm – 8pm

**Piping and Drumming Tuition-** Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September

**WW1 Talk P5-P7 –** Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September

**P5 Burnavon Visit-** Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September

**Anti-Bullying Ambassadors-** Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September

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

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

**Horrible History Club-** No club this month (Begins Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October 3-4pm)

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

**Eco Schools Committee-** No club this month (Begins Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October 3-4pm)

### **September 2018**

School reopens on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> August at 9.00am – 12noon for new P1 pupils. (No Early Bird or Fun Club)

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> August from 9am – 12noon for all pupils from P1 – P7 (There will be Early Bird club but no Fun Club)

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August 9am – 3pm for all pupils P1 – P7 (Both Early Bird and Fun Club will be on)

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

**"Happiness, Excellence and Achievement"**

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 15 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, 1st October, P1 children will stay to 1.45pm. After that time, they can choose to either go home, or stay until 3pm at our Fun Club.

### **Homework Club**

Following the success of Homework Club during 2018/19 it has been agreed that Homework Club will continue during 2018/19. A later end time of 5.30pm will be 'trialled' during Term 1 with the following pricing structure- £3 per hour or £7 from 3pm – 5.30pm. Homework Club will begin on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018 from 3pm – 5.30pm and is available for all pupils P1-P7.

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

Mrs T. Glasgow (Mon, Tues + Wed) and Miss G. Brooks (Thurs + Fri) will be teaching P1/2.

Mrs H. Michael will be teaching P3/4.

Mrs A. Wilson will be teaching P5.

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Mr I. Bayne (Tues, Wed + Thurs) and Mrs G. Montgomery (Mon + Fri) will be teaching P6/7

### **Classroom Assistants:**

Mrs G. Gates

Mrs L. Carleton

Miss J. Dallas

Miss A. Brown

Ms L. Dunlop

Mrs L. Graham

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

We welcome one new member of staff to Coagh Primary School this September. Ms Dunlop will be joining our school as a classroom assistant working each day in P3/4. She joins us from Greystone Primary School where she has been working for the past few years. Ms Dunlop is looking forward to meeting and getting to know all the pupils and parents at Coagh Primary School.



Ms Dunlop (Classroom Assistant)

### **School Meals**

The cost of school meals remains at £2.60 per day, or £13.00 per week. Please send money in a labelled envelope.

### **Snack Money**





Pupils in P1 to P4 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 29/08/18 and P2-P4 should send £1.20 on 30/08/18.

### **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, P1-P4 children should bring the appropriate sportswear in their PE bags which can be left in school if so desired.

### **Key Stage 2 PE Uniform**

From the 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018 pupils from P5 – P7 should come to school on their PE day (Wednesday) wearing plain black/navy sports bottoms/leggings and trainers. These will be worn with their school Polo Shirt and Jumper.

### **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.

An App is available to download from the school website to your smartphone which will notify you when new content has been added to the website etc.

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**

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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, 13th September 6pm – 8pm and are asking parents/community members/children/past pupils to come along to help give it a good tidy up. If anyone who is able to bring a trailer to dispose of the cuttings etc. it would be much appreciated. Please make every effort to come along to help out. This year we hope to paint the Foundation/Key Stage 1 outdoor Play shed. **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 3rd September. **Application forms have been given to new P1 pupils. These should be returned to school ASAP so that we can get a new library card for each pupil. If your P1 child already has a library card please send it to school on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September and we can photocopy it so that we have a copy in school for future ease of use.**

### Piping and drumming

Piping and drumming lessons for P4-P7 recommence on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September. 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. Andy McGregor will be in school on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September to give pupils a demonstration of piping. We are glad to welcome back Danielle (Tenor) and Geoff Hamilton (Snare) who will be teaching drumming.

### Piano lessons

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

### P5 Visit to Burnavon

Pupils from P5 will visit The Burnavon on Wednesday 19th September where they will meet Paul Cookson (Poet/Author). They will leave school at 9.30am and return at 11.30pm.

### P1 Phonics Night (To be confirmed)

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A Phonics evening for all P1 parents will be held on Thursday 27th September at 7pm in the school hall.

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

The Parents Association AGM will take place on Thursday 27th September at 7.30pm in the school hall. The Parents Association has had another very successful year and has raised money for new ipads, hockey kits and playground 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, 18<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 11<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 4<sup>th</sup> October 3-4pm in Mrs Michael's room.

### **Allergy Awareness School**

As an allergy awareness school we take all reasonable steps to ensure the safety of our pupils. With this in mind please remember our school is a nut free zone. Please do not send any products containing nuts. We would also ask you not to send strawberries to school as a pupil is undergoing tests for a strawberry allergy.

### **Collection of Pupils**

All pupils should be collected from the front door of the school at 1.45pm or 3pm by a parent/guardian. **If you wish your child to walk home, please inform the school in writing.**

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



Mr I. Bayne

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