



January 2018 Information Sheet

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Dear Parent,

Welcome back to a new year at Drumhillery! Already the diary is filling up fast and there is much planned for 2018. We will, as always, endeavour to keep you fully informed of all events and activities in school over the coming months. Please also feel free to use our website and school app which are updated regularly.

Admissions

We would request that all remaining P1 application forms for September 2018 are forwarded to school before the closing date for applications which is Wednesday 10 January at 12 noon. If you know of any new families in the community who have not yet submitted their form, please contact them as soon as possible. Any child who will be 4 years old on or before 1 July 2018 is due to commence primary education in September 2018.

Staffing News

Mr. Martin will continue to cover P5/6 in the absence of Mrs. Johnston who is on continuing sick leave.

School Fund

As always we really appreciate the generosity of parents in contributing to our school fund. This assists us greatly in purchasing much needed resources for our school. Thank you to those who have already sent in the Term 2 payment. We would appreciate if the remaining contributions (£10 per family per term) could be forwarded to the school by Monday 15 January. Please note school fund money this year will go towards purchasing more playground equipment and reading books.

Christmas Charity/Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you so much to all who contributed to our collection for Craigavon Cardiac Care before Christmas. The fantastic total of £282.00 was raised and will enable us to obtain a school defibrillator in the near future.

Rugby/Hockey Coaching

We are delighted that Harry Doyle from Armagh Rugby Club will visit the school again to coach the P5-7 pupils each Friday during Term 2 (11:15am-12:45pm). Normal PE kit (i.e. green polo shirts/navy shorts or jogging bottoms) should be worn. Trainers will also be required. Consequently, P5-7 PE days will be Thu/Fri this term.

We are also pleased that **P3/4 Hockey Lessons** with Christine Russell will commence on Wednesday 10 January, from 11:30am-12:15pm. P3/4 pupils are already very excited at the prospect! They will require a gum shield, shin pads and a hockey stick,



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although school sticks are available to borrow if necessary. The cost is £1.50 per pupil per week and this should be forwarded in the money wallet each Monday.

Football

Burns Bros Football Coaching will commence on 15 January at the usual times. A separate letter will be sent out with more detailed information and reply slips should be returned by Friday 12 January.

Other After School activities will be commencing shortly and more information on these will follow.

Parking

Please note that, in the interests of pupil safety, parents should not park inside the school grounds when collecting children at home time.

Swimming

Swimming Lessons will commence for P5-7 on Thursday 11 January, at Orchard Leisure Centre. The cost is £2 per week. Pupils requiring inhalers should have them with them every week. If your child has any other medical condition which may affect their participation in swimming, please inform us as soon as possible.

Our Mother & Toddlers group (Tots 'n' Tea) will recommence on Friday 12 January. We would like to thank all those who attended in Term 1 and would also extend a further invitation to other parents/child minders to come along. There is a range of activities for the children and a welcome cuppa for the adults! Why not check out our website to view some recent photos?

Half Term Holidays will be from Wednesday 14-Friday 16 February (inclusive)

Yours sincerely,
K D Campbell,
Principal



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