



SEPTEMBER 2018

**WELCOME
BACK!**

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OMAGH COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL



Once again we welcome everyone back to another busy and hopefully productive year. No doubt we are all refreshed and rested, and look forward to enjoying the experiences that school offers.

STAFF NEWS

- We welcome back Mrs R Brown and Mrs C Mc Donald and hope they enjoy their time in Omagh County PS. They will be covering Mrs Alcorn and Miss Feeney during their maternity leaves.

STAFFING STRUCTURE

- Nursery - Mrs MacCrossan and Ms Bunce
- Year 1 EY 1 Mrs Pollock
- Year 1 EY 2 Mrs Daley
- Year 2 Room 2 Mrs McFarland
- Year 2/3 Room 4 Mrs Crosbie
- Year 3 Room 3 Mrs Mathers and Mrs McMullan
- Year 4 Room 6 Mrs Dempsey (Vice Principal)
- Year 4/5 Room 7 Mrs Brown (covering Mrs Alcorn's maternity leave)
- Year 5 Room 8 Miss Lockington
- Year 6 Room 14 Miss Hamilton
- Year 6/7 Room 9 Mrs Stronge
- Year 7 Room 10 Mr Morgan
- ASC Room 1 Mrs McDonald (covering Miss Feeney's maternity leave)
- LSC Room 5 Miss Beattie





AMENITIES FUND

With the help of the school's Amenities Fund, each year we endeavour to offer the children as wide a range of experiences as possible, e.g. participation in activities outside school; and also the opportunity to buy in expertise related to entertainment, sport and education. The fund had contributed to meeting our needs over the past year and I would ask that we maintain it by requesting **£5 per child to a maximum of £12 (for three or more children)**. It would be appreciated if this could be sent in with the eldest child, in a clearly marked envelope, on **Monday 10th September 2018**.



UNIFORM

Please ensure that children are in full school uniform at all times, especially the wearing of **school ties** and **black school shoes**.

Our school uniform policy must be strictly adhered to. Our school uniform policy can be found on the school website or paper copies can be obtained from the school office

LABELLING

Please ensure that pupils' belongings are clearly labelled.

We would also appreciate it if parents used name tags as these are the most effective way of returning belongings if they have been mislaid.



LENGTH OF SCHOOL DAY

Yr 1 9.00am - 12.30pm changing to 9.00am - 2.00pm from Monday 17th September.

Yr 3 9.00am - 2.00pm changing to 9.00am - 3.00pm from Monday 17th September, going home at 2.00pm on FRIDAYS.

BREAKFAST CLUB



Breakfast Club will resume on Monday 3rd September. You will find a breakfast club menu in Pastoral Care Booklet on our school website.

Breakfast will be available from 8.15am and is open to all children from Nursery to Year 7. Access to the dining hall can only be gained via the main front entrance.

Pupils having breakfast will be supervised in the dining hall.

Only pupils using this facility should be entering school premises before **8.40am** when all other pupils may enter as usual.

SCHOOL MEALS

Please note school dinners are **£2.60** per day.

A menu will be sent home with your child this week.

If you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals please collect a form from the School's Office or download one from the school website.



AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB AND HOMEWORK CLUB

After School Care costs £2.50 per day and is available from 2.00-3.00pm Monday -Friday for Yr 1 and 2 children; and Yr3 children on Fridays.

Priority is given to.

- Children who go home by school buses at 3.00pm, who do not have to pay
- Children who live more than 2 miles from the school and have older siblings at school until 3.00pm

PLACES MUST BE BOOKED AND PAID FOR ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE SCHOOL WEEK.

Homework Club is also available Monday - Thursdays for Yr 3-7 and costs £2.50. Homework Club starts on **Monday 3rd September.**



NURSERY WAKEY, SHAKEY CLUB

Wakey Shakey Club is run by Miss Tait and is available for Nursery children, once they have settled into their new setting.

Wakey Shakey Club is free and runs from 8.40-9.00am.

Children must be registered in advance.

CLOTHING BANK



Our Clothing Bank at the back gate has been very popular over the Summer, and we would just like to take this opportunity to remind parents that it is a permanent feature and can be availed off at anytime to recycle used clothing, bed linen etc. Further details are available on the PTA notice boards.



GDPR (General Data Protection Register)

Please find attached a GDPR Information Sheet. As it states very little will change in schools. However, we do ask that when the data collection sheets, permission slip re photographic images, internet safety, information and medical needs of children forms are sent out, please ensure that as parents these are checked and up-dated accordingly.



STAFF CAR PARK

Can we please impress on parents **NOT TO** use the front car park. **This is for staff parking only** and is already very crowded. In the interests of Health and Safety the only exceptions are for pupils/parents with disabilities who need to use the designated disabled parking space or parents with very young infants who have to carry a car seat and baby into school when dropping off the younger children.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Mr Neville Hagan has resigned after serving sixteen years on the Board of Governors. For the past eight years he has been the Chairman and as a school we are indebted to him for the support he has given to us.

Mr M Winters and Mr Shane Camley have completed their four year term as parent representatives on the Board of Governors and Mrs Christine Rodgers, who was an Education Authority Representative on the governors is also sadly leaving, due to work commitments. Likewise, we would like to thank them for their contribution and support during their time in office.

Please find attached a letter regarding the election of new parent governors for Omagh County PS.

SCROLL FREE SEPTEMBER

Did you know the average person checks their Facebook and/or Instagram page every 19 minutes?

In fact, the average person spends 5 years of their lives on social media.

September is Scroll Free September where health agencies are encouraging us to go "cold turkey" on social media for the month, or at least reduce the time they spend on our mobile devices.

As role models to our children, is anyone willing to take up the challenge????

USEFUL FORMS AND POLICIES

On our school website we have a "Parent" section which includes "Useful Forms" eg trip consent forms etc and a "Policies" section which lists many of our Pastoral Care Policies eg Attendance and Uniform Policy.

Ms J Funston-Principal

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