



SEPTEMBER 2017

OMAGH COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL

WELCOME

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 Mrs Daley (Year 1), Mrs Brown (Covering Mrs Mathers' maternity leave) and Miss Hamilton (Year 6) to the teaching staff of Omagh County P.S.
- We would also like to welcome Miss Shortt and Miss Montgomery to our team of classroom assistants.

STAFFING STRUCTURE

- Nursery - Mrs MacCrossan
- 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 (3 days) and Mrs McMullan (2 days) (Mrs Brown covering Mrs Mathers' maternity leave)
- Year 4 Room 6 Mrs Dempsey (Vice Principal)
- Year 4/5 Room 7 Mrs Alcorn Year 5
- Year 5 Room 8 Miss Lockington
- Year 6 Room 14 Miss Hamilton
- Year 6/7 Room 9 Mrs Stronge (3 days) and Miss Dorrian (2 days)
- Year 7 Room 10 Mr Morgan
- ASC Room 1 Miss Feeney
- LSC Room 5 Miss Beattie



A place has become available for the Nursery afternoon session. If you wish to avail of this place please contact the school office and collect an application form.

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, 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 11th September 2017**.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

Pupils are expected to wear full school uniform and black school shoes. Trainers or boots are not permitted. In the interest of health and safety, only stud earrings may be worn. Further details can be found on the school website in our school Uniform Policy.

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.



ATTENDANCE

Pupil attendance is monitored monthly by the Principal and the EA Education Welfare Officer. Parents are reminded that it is essential that their children attend school regularly and maintain a pattern of good attendance throughout their school careers. Parents should access the DENI School Attendance Matters and our school Attendance Policy on the school website.

LENGTH OF SCHOOL DAY

Yr 1 9.00am - 12.30pm changing to 9.00am - 2.00pm from Monday 18th September.

Yr 3 9.00am - 2.00pm changing to 9.00am - 3.00pm from Monday 18th September, going home at 2.00pm on FRIDAYS.



BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club will resume on **Monday 4th September**. You will find a breakfast club menu in the Pastoral Care Pack and on our school website. Breakfast will be available from **8.15 am**. 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 is available from 2.00-3.00pm Monday -Friday for Yr 1 and 2 children; and Yr3 children on Fridays, starting from Friday 1stSeptember.

After Schools Club is led by Mrs McGirr.



Places are limited for After Schools Club.

- **It costs £2.00 per day.**
- Places are for children who go home by school buses at 3.00pm
- 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, starting from **Monday 4th September** and is led by Mrs Stewart King.

Homework Club also costs £2.00.

PASTORAL CARE PACK

All families will be given an updated Pastoral Care Pack. This is also available on the school website. Registration forms are also available on the school website or can be collected from the School's Office.

Please ensure you return the slip to indicate you received the pack and return the necessary

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Teacher led After School Activities will commence the week beginning 18th September and will run for a six week block. We provide a diverse range of activities and they are always hugely popular with the children including a number of clubs run by independent coaches and companies eg Burns Soccer School, Jumping Clay, Basketball etc

SCHOOL WEBSITE and PTA FACEBOOK PAGE

If you have a Smartphone, Ipad or Android device onto which you can download apps, please download the Schools NI App and find Omagh County PS. This will allow you to see all recent additions to our school website.

Also by liking our PTA Facebook page you can be kept up to date with forthcoming school events.



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.



Ms J Funston-Principal

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Name of Child: _____

I acknowledge I have received my Pastoral Care Pack.

Signed: _____

Parent/Guardian

Please return the following forms immediately -

- Permission Form for the taking of Photographs
- After Schools or Homework Club Forms
- Amenities Fund



