



Open Evening

PLEASE NOTE

We will be having our **Open Evening on Thursday 23rd November at 4.30pm** when parents of new children for **September 2018** will meet the Nursery and Year 1 staff and view our facilities. We also have it on good authority that a special visitor from the North Pole will also be in attendance. Please inform friends and neighbours of our Open Day. Also, if anyone is in a position to put up a poster in a local business or place of work, please speak to Miss Funston.



Book Fair

The school will have its annual Book Fair on **Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th November**. Books will be on display from 8.45am. Parents of younger children can view at 2.00pm and older children at 3.00pm on both days.



Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

Once again, we as a school are supporting this worthwhile cause at Christmas. All shoe boxes must be in by **Thursday 23rd November** for collection on **Friday 24th November**. Many thanks.



Anti-Bullying Week

Anti-bullying week is **13th-17th November**. This year's theme is "All Different, All Equal". During this week there will be an Anti-bullying Assembly and all classes will focus on what bullying is, different types of bullying and how to respond to various scenarios.

We will begin the week by celebrating **World Kindness Day on Monday 13th November**.



Christmas Craft Fair

The annual Christmas Craft Fair will be held in the school on **Wednesday 22nd November** commencing at **6.00pm**. This is always a very enjoyable night and provides an opportunity to pick up a few gifts. Admission is **£2.50** for which you are treated to mince pies and tea /coffee/or a glass of mulled wine! Tickets will be on sale from PTFA.



Rhyme Time

Our Rhyme Time has been very well supported during September and October and enjoyed by all. Please remember our next two dates this year and bring a friend.

16th November 2.15pm
14th December 2.15pm

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Christmas Performances

Nursery Christmas Celebration

Morning and Afternoon classes and their parents are invited to our Nursery Christmas Celebration on **Friday 9th December 11.00am**. More details will follow later.

Year 1 –Year 3 Show:

- Tuesday 5th December 1.45pm
- Wednesday 6th December 10.00am
- Cost £2.50

Year 4–7 Pantomime

- Tuesday 12th December 1.30pm
- Wednesday 13th December 7.00pm
- Cost £2.50

November Diary Dates

7th November–Baby Sensory Classes
7th November–Yr 5 STEM Aware Shared Education Day
7th November–Yr 6 Shared Education Day Digital Technology
13-14 November– Book Fair
13 November– World Kindness Day
13-17 November– Anti-Bullying Week
16th November–Rhyme Time
17th November–Tharpe Family Gospel Bluegrass Concert
22nd November–Craft Fair
23rd November–Open Evening
27th November–Flu Vaccine Week

Baby Sensory Classes

Please note the 9.30 am Baby Sensory Class on Tuesday 7th November is fully booked. There are however a few places still available for the 10.45 am class. Contact the school office for more information or to book a place.



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Harvest Festival

The foodstuffs brought in by the children were donated to the Omagh Food Bank, Ramona House and the SL-Eight Housing Project. All the charities were overwhelmed and would like to thank all the families of Omagh County P.S. for their generosity. Our collection on Harvest Morning came to **£270.00**. This has been passed on to the Jack and Jill Community Playgroup in Plumbridge.

PTA Annual General Meeting

On **Thursday, 19th October**, the PTA had a very successful Annual General Meeting. The business of the meeting was to report on the outgoing year's activities, appoint a new committee, and make a presentation of resources to the school. These included financing the Junior Learning Zone, Literacy and Numeracy Resources, totally an amazing £10,000.00.

We are very thankful to the PTA for all their good work. The school benefits greatly from their fundraising and is very appreciative of their efforts over the past year.



The meeting also saw the inception of the Omagh County Parent, Teacher and Friends Association (PTFA) which will replace the PTA.

Anyone interested in joining should contact Miss Funston or Mr James Anderson, Chairman of the PTFA.

PATHS Quote For November

Putting yourself in another person's place before taking any action towards them helps you choose to do the right thing. Treat others the way you want to be treated.



CHRISTMAS CRAFTS FOR PARENTS

On **Wednesday 6th December**, Mrs Patricia Smyth is running a workshop for parents to make their own front door wreaths for Christmas. This workshop will begin at 7.00pm and will cost **£15.00**-this will include all materials and a cup of tea. **Spaces are limited so if you are interested please give your name and £15.00 to the school secretary, before the end of November.**



Nursery News

CHEESE! Nursery children will have their nursery school photographs taken on **Tuesday 14th November 2017**.

Nursery children, moving to Year 1 in September 2018 and their families are invited to our **Open Evening on Thursday 23rd November at 4.30pm**

Nursery Events running during the rest of this term and early 2018 include the Nursery Media Initiative and Big Bedtime Read.

Remember to put **December 9th 2017 11.00-12.30pm** in your diary for our Nursery Christmas Celebration.

AQE Tests

The dates for these three tests are Saturday 11th November, Saturday 25th November and Saturday 2nd December. We wish those who are participating all the very best as they undertake this new challenge.



REMEMBER

School premises should not be entered until 8.40am. Pupils and parents should wait at the front, side and back gates until they are waved in by the staff.

The play equipment at the front of the school should **only** be used by children at break and lunchtime, when supervised by school staff.

In the interest of health and safety dogs are not permitted on school property.



EXTENDING YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING

We know children never need encouragement to use electronic devices. As a school we are delighted that our "Mathletics" subscription this year will be funded through Shared Education. This was extremely popular last year and certainly added to our pupils mathematical development. This year we have also subscribed to Study Ladder to support our pupils' comprehension skills and development.

These programmes allow children to use the internet in a safe environment while reinforcing and extending their knowledge. A win, win situation for both school and home.

Hello and Farewell

Mrs Mathers is returning to Year 3 the week beginning 20th November following her maternity leave. Mrs Mathers has been in Rm 3 on numerous occasions getting to know the children and to ensure a smooth transition between staff. We would like to thank Mrs Brown for her contribution to school over the last fifteen months and wish her all the best as she begins her maternity leave.



As a school we like to try and help others who are less fortunate than ourselves. We would still like to support the Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Appeal, but know it can be expensive to fill a whole shoe-box.

This year we thought we would collect items to put in a shoebox. Miss Beattie's class will use these to make up shoeboxes with all the donated items.

The money collected from our Non-Uniform Day at the end of Half Term will be used to supplement items and for the donation to send the shoeboxes.

We have attached a list of ideas of items for the shoebox and thought if we divided the categories up we would have a good range of things to put into them.

Nursery and Year 1: Something Fun e.g Ball or Skipping Rope

Year 2: Something to Love e.g Teddy or Doll

Year 3: Something Creative e.g. Colouring Pencils

Year 4: Something to keep Clean e.g. Tooth brush

Year 5: Something to put on e.g. Hat or Gloves

Year 6: Something to learn with e.g. Jigsaw Puzzle

Year 7: Something Homemade or Something Creative.

e.g. Homemade Bookmark



We would appreciate it if all items could be brought into school Friday 17th November.

Many Thanks,
Miss Beattie's Class

Room 5

