



Open Evening

PLEASE NOTE

We will be having our **Open Evening on Thursday 29th November at 4.30pm** when parents of new children for **September 2019** 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.



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 15th November** for collection on **Monday 19th November**.

Many thanks.



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.

15th November 2.15pm
13th December 2.15pm



Anti-Bullying Week

Anti-bullying week is **12th-16th November**. This year's theme is "Choose Respect". 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 Tuesday 13th November**.



Christmas Craft Fair

The annual Christmas Craft Fair will be held in the school on **Wednesday 28th 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.



Baby Sensory Classes

Please note the 5th November Baby Sensory Classes are fully booked. There is however going to be a Christmas Baby Sensory Class on **Saturday 1st December**. Contact the school office for more information or go to the Baby Sensory Mid Ulster & West Tyrone to book a place.

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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 14th December 11.00am**. More details will follow later.

Year 1 –Year 3 Show:

- Tuesday 11th December 1.45pm
- Wednesday 12th December 10.00am
- Cost £2.50

Year 4–7 Carol Service

- Wednesday 19th December at 7.00pm in First Omagh Presbyterian Church. Collection will be donated to the NI Air Ambulance.
- School will close at 12.30pm

9 Basic Life Lessons all children should know by age 10

An interesting little article I read over half-term—9 basic life lessons all children should know by age 10.

It is amazing how many of these basic life skills are the basis for so many of the skills also taught in our school curriculum. Very important life skills summed up very succinctly,

1. Children need to know that for every action, there is a consequence - sometimes these consequences are positive, sometimes they are very negative.
2. Being Open-Minded
3. Valuing Nature
4. Understanding Peer Pressure
5. Safe Technology Skills
6. Winning Vs Losing
7. Being Empathetic
8. Basic Emergency Skills
9. Confidence

The full article can be found on our school website under the Parents Section under Pastoral Care.



November Diary Dates

5th November–Baby Sensory Classes
7th November–Yr 5 Shared Education Day
8th November–Yr 4 and 5 Shared Education Day
8th November–Yr 5 Harold MacCauley Learning for Life
9th November–Rm 3&4 Gruffalo trip to Gortin Glens
9th November– Senior Choir Cake Bake
9th November– Tone with Tots Class 2pm
10th November– AQE Test 1
12-16 November– Anti-Bullying Week
12-16 November– Parent Interview Week
12th November–Nursery–Healthy Happy Kids Workshop 9am
13 November– World Kindness Day
13 November–Choir rehearsal in Belfast
15th November–Rhyme Time
16th November–Tharpe Family Gospel Bluegrass Concert
16th November– Tone with Tots Class 2pm
16th November– Nursery Pupils- Year 3+ Review with School Nurse
16th November– Senior Choir perform at Children in Need
16th November– Nursery Pupils- Year 3+ Review with School Nurse
19th November– School Photographer
20th November– School Photographer
21st November– Nursery–Big Bed Time Read 6-7pm
24th November–Tone with Tots Class 2pm
24th November–AQE Test 2
24th November–Senior Choir Perform at the Switching On of the Christmas Tree Lights in Omagh 4.00pm
28th November–PTFA Craft Fair
29th November–Open Evening
29th November–Yr 6 Shared Education Day
30th November–Tone With Tots Wk 4

NURSERY NEWS

Nursery Photographs:

Nursery children will have their nursery school photographs taken on **Monday 19th November 2018**.

Open Evening:

Nursery children, moving to Year 1 in September 2018 and their families are invited to our **Open Evening on Thursday 29th November at 4.30pm**

Media Initiative:

Thank you to all the parents who attended our short introduction to the Barnardos Media Initiative which through the use of stories and puppets give our children the opportunity to learn and develop their understanding about differences in our wider community.

Healthy Happy Kids:

The first of our parent child Getting Ready to Learn Workshops takes place on **Monday 12th November at 9am**. We encourage parents to attend this informative workshop on how to develop their child's co-ordination and gross motor skills through simple fun activities. All pre-school children will receive a "Fit Pack" to take home and experiment with after the workshop.

Big Bed Time Read:

On Wednesday 21st November we would like our pre-school Nursery children to come to school at 6pm in their pjs (and teddy of course) for our Big Bed Time Read. There will be stories and rhymes for the little ones and a short workshop for parents on the benefits of establishing a good literacy rich bedtime routine for your little ones

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and support development in these crucial early years.

The evening will end with a healthy supper and its off to bed.

Nursery Ball Skills

This term Sure Start will be taking Ball Skills Classes for our Nursery morning class. This will enhance their physical development and encourage and support our Healthy Happy Kids Programme.

This programme will run in Term 2 for the afternoon Nursery class.

Christmas Celebration

Remember to put **December 14th 2018 11.00-12.30pm** in your diary for our Nursery Christmas Celebration.

CHOIR NEWS

Children in Need

Omagh County PS Senior Choir will join five other choirs from across NI on Friday 16th November when BBC Children in Need will be filmed live from the Ulster Folk and Transport Museum. The choir were delighted to be asked to represent Co. Tyrone and are excited at being part of this national charity campaign. It is a fantastic opportunity for the children and one I am sure they will never forget.

Children in Need Cake Bake

Choir want to support Pudsey and Children in Need, so on Friday 9th November they are holding a bun sale. Buns will cost 30p or 50p for two. Choir members are reminded that buns **must not contain nuts or coconut**. There will be a **gluten free section provided by the school kitchen staff that all children with food allergies are encouraged to purchase from**.



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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 £480.00. This will be donated to the NI Air Ambulance along with our Christmas Charity Work

PTFA Annual General Meeting

On Wednesday, 17th October, the PTFA 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. We are very thankful to the PTFA for all their good work. The school benefits greatly from their work and is very appreciative of their efforts over the past year. This year the PTFA contributed £13,000 to the school and have supported the creation of our Little Acorns Initiative which seeks to support families through a range of parent and child workshops. Anyone interested in joining should contact Miss Funston or Mr John Caldwell, Chairman.



PATHS Quote For November

"In a world where you can be anything be kind".



CHRISTMAS CRAFTS FOR PARENTS

On Tuesday 4th 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 28th November.



AQE Tests

The dates for these three tests are Saturday 10th November, Saturday 24th November and Saturday 1st December. We wish those who are participating all the very best as they undertake this new challenge.

PLEASE REMEMBER

School premises should not be entered until 8.40am, unless pupils are attending Breakfast Club. 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.

Congratulations

Congratulation to Mrs Alcorn on the birth of baby, Tom and Ms Feeney on the birth of her little daughter, Niamh. The children were all very excited to hear the exciting news.

LITTLE ACORNS



SUPPORTING FAMILIES AND THE COMMUNITY

Don't forget to join us.....
Keep Fit for Grown Ups
Every Monday 7.15-8.15pm
£4.00 per session. Suitable for all fitness levels.



Be Fit for Fun
Every Tuesday 2.00-3.00pm
£2.50
Ages 2 years and up. Healthy snack provided.



Tone Up with Tots
Every Friday 2.15pm,
£5.00 per session.
£25.00 if booked in advance, saving £5.00.



Rhyme Time
Thursday 15th November at 2.15pm- this month's theme, now the time has changed, is "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star"

Baby Sensory
Next month there will be Baby Sensory on Saturday 1st December. This is always very popular and books up very quickly. So contact school or Baby Sensory Mid Ulster & West Tyrone to book a place.



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 by Thursday 15th November.

Many Thanks,
Miss Beattie's Class

Room 5

