Weekly News

Friday 17th November, 2023

Dear Parents,

We are now entering an incredibly busy but also an incredibly exciting time of year in the life of our school. This weekly news contains a lot of information but I trust it is all helpful.

Football Tournament

On Thursday, a group of 8 boys represented our school at a 7 a-side friendly competition at Fourtowns Primary School. They played extremely well, had lots of success and represented our school brilliantly.

Results of their matches are below.

The Diamond v. Carnaghts	1 - 1
The Diamond v. Buick	2 - 0
The Diamond v. Fourtowns	0 - 3
The Diamond v. Gracehill	2 - 0



Well done boys!!

Poppy Appeal

Our school raised £450.60 for the Poppy Appeal. A wonderful amount! Thank you!

Building Work

We are pleased to let you know that the building work will be completed on Monday! Miss Ford and her P4/5 children will be moving back into their classroom later this incoming week. We are really pleased with the improved facilities for our school.

School Clean Up Day

On Saturday 25th November, to finish the job completely, we are opening our school grounds from 1pm to 4pm for a 'BIG SCHOOL CLEAN UP'. As you can imagine, with all the building work, there have been many trades people in and out and around our school building along with lorry deliveries. Naturally, this has created a lot of dust and dirt which has travelled throughout school and around the exterior, on top of autumnal weather.

We know how much this school means to so many of you and all of us here in school, so if you are available on this date and can spare even a short time, we would be very grateful of your help. If you have access to a power washer, particularly one with a separate drum for cold water or a leaf blower, please contact Mrs Boyd on 028 25880709. Please bring along any yard brushes, shovels, dustpans and brushes, inside brushes you may have.

Any help will be most appreciated.



Open Day

Just a reminder of this important day for our school! We look forward to welcoming prospective P1 children and parents to our school.



School Photographer

All individual and family photograph proofs were sent home earlier this week. All orders being placed either online or returned to school must be made by <u>Thursday</u> 30th November. This will ensure photographs arrive in time for Christmas.

Christmas Hamper Appeal 2023

We are hoping to support the Ballymena Rotary Club Hamper Appeal again this Christmas to provide food items for those less fortunate in our local community. Please bring any food items that you would like to donate to school by $\frac{1}{5}$ December.

Dates for your diary

P7 SEAG Test 2
School Clean Up Day
Netball Tournament
Choir on Radio Cracker and in Creative Gardens
Fourtowns 7 a-side Football Tournament
Final Day for Photograph orders
Open Day @ 1.30pm
Final day for Hamper Appeal
Choir perform at 'Jingle All The Way' in Ballymena
Christmas Practice Day @ 1 st Ahoghill Church
Christmas Celebration @ 1 st Ahoghill Church 7pm
Pupil Christmas Dinner
Final Day of Term - early finish

Many thanks,

L Boyd (Principal)

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