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Dear Parents,

I hope you have all had a nice Christmas break and a positive start to the new year. Thank you so much for your kind gifts and donations towards the Defibrillator – we have received almost £700 which will go a long way towards providing this resource.

Please take note of the following details as we begin the Spring Term.

Christmas Carol Service DVD

An excellent quality DVD of the whole Christmas Carol Service at 1st Ahoghill Church is now available to order. The DVD costs £7. If you wish to order, please send correct payment in an envelope clearly marked 'Carol Service DVD' and your child's name.

Milk and Dinner Money

Milk money is now due – please send £12.80 to the office for this term's milk by Friday 13th January. Dinner money has now increased to £2.55 per day.

Term Dates

- Thursday 16th Feb - Tuesday 21st Feb; Half-term break. Children return on Wed 22nd Feb.
- Friday 7th April; term ends - all pupils finish at 12.00pm.

These dates are available at <http://thediamondps.weebly.com/announcements--dates/dates-for-term-2> and this will be updated with other events of note as time goes on.

P6/7 Swimming Lessons

This term, the P6/7 class will attend swimming lessons each Wednesday morning, starting next Wednesday 11th January. Swimming costs £1.50 per week. Please send £9.00 to the P6/7 teacher to cover the first six weeks of swimming lessons.



Swimming guidelines

Girls must wear a one-piece swimsuit and boys should wear swimming trunks or shorts above the knees. Hair should be tied back and jewellery removed. Goggles are advised. Children may bring a deodorant or anti-perspirant but must not bring an aerosol, spray or hair product. All children should bring a breaktime snack in their swimming bag.

2-3pm 'Diamond Dazzlers' – beginning Thursday 12th January.

Diamond Dazzlers – a new scheme we will be trialling for P1,2 and 3 children. Diamond Dazzlers provides supervision and a very casual structure for any junior children wishing to stay in school until 3.00pm, to help with pick-ups and child minding arrangements. This scheme will cost £3 per day per child (if two children from one family are attending, the second child will pay £1.50 per day).



Children must register and pay on a daily basis. Daily registration can be completed in a few seconds via the school website and money should be sent to the child's teacher each morning, clearly marked Diamond Dazzlers and with the child's name and the date.

Registration - <http://thediamondps.weebly.com/diamond-dazzlers-2-3pm.html>

Dazzlers will take place in the Play Mobile each day at 2.00pm and will be supervised by two members of our non-teaching staff.

The longevity and success of this scheme will be dependent upon the numbers attending. Please be aware that the cost of this supervision may increase if numbers are low, but likewise may decrease if numbers are high.

Greenhill Residential Trip

I would remind all parents of children hoping to come on the Greenhill residential trip that the remaining balance of £65 (after £30 deposit) can be paid in full or in part to the school office. Please send any monies on Wednesdays.

Punctuality and entrances

Punctuality is vital to the smooth running of the school day. Please ensure that children arrive at school for classes beginning at 9.00am. It is important to be aware that once all children have made their way into school, the security system on all our doors will be initiated. If children arrive to school after this time, parents should accompany them to the main door to gain access.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M Beattie', is written in a cursive style.

M Beattie(Principal)