



September 2018 Information Sheet

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Dear Parent,

It's my privilege to welcome all our pupils to a new year at Drumhillery PS. A special word of welcome must go to the 9 Primary 1 pupils who are joining us for the first time. We hope they settle in quickly and become an important part of our school community. We also wish to compliment you on how well the children are turned out at the start of the new term.

School Holidays

With this correspondence I have enclosed a holiday list for this academic year. Please keep this carefully. A copy has also been posted on the school website.

Staffing

Our staffing compliment for the 2018-19 year is as follows:

| Class | Teacher |
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| P1/2 | Mrs Boyd (Mon-Wed)/Mrs Freeburn (Thu-Fri) |
| P3/4 | Mrs Geary (Wed) Mrs McMullan (Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri)) |
| P5/6 | Mrs Johnston |
| P 7 | Mrs Bruce (Mon-Tue)/ Mr Campbell (Wed-Fri) |

Free School Meals

We would encourage anyone who may be eligible for free school meals to make an application through the Education Authority, Southern Region (forms are also Available from school). This not only helps parents with the cost of meals, but it also benefits the school as we receive extra funding for each child in receipt of free school meals. Please note that it is necessary to reapply for school meals each year.

I have also enclosed a September menu with this information sheet.

Music lessons

Piano lessons recommence on 11 September with Mrs Ramsay, while EA violin lessons will take place on Monday this year, starting 10 September. There are still some violin places left should you be interested in enrolling your child. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me.

AQE Assessments

The final date for registration for the AQE Assessments is Friday 7 September. The assessments take place on 10 November, 24 November and 1 December 2018.

School Tuck Shop

We plan to continue our weekly tuck shop this year, beginning on 11 September (P1-4) and 12 September (P5-7). Items will be priced at 20p.



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Our Healthy Break Policy also continues as before and we would value your assistance in ensuring that the children bring in a healthy snack each day. Having a healthy break may represent just one small step towards having a healthy lifestyle but we feel it is an important one. The teachers will also be encouraging the children in this respect, offering rewards and incentives for those who participate consistently.

Photographs

Photographs and videos are taken at school and used for a number of purposes e.g., for our website, classroom displays and promotion of the school within our community. We also plan to invite local newspapers to photograph certain school events and activities. If you do not wish your child to be in any of our school photographs, please inform me in writing by Friday 14 September 2018.

Please note that the Ulster Gazette photographer will be in school on Monday 10 September to take a photo of our new P1 pupils.

Clobber

Just a reminder that we have a Clobber Bank in school, in which you can deposit all types of unwanted clothing, bags, shoes, hats, belts, towels, curtain, bed linen etc. It is situated near the lower staff car park. Cash for Clobber is a nationwide scheme working with our local council to educate and encourage recycling, while raising funds for our school. We receive money for every bag of items donated.

Dates

To keep up to date with forthcoming school events why not visit our school website which is updated regularly. You may also wish to download the school app from the App Store. Just search for Schools NI and click on Drumhillery PS. It's also available on the Home Page of our school website

Medical/dietary requirements

We currently hold a Data Collection Form for all children with medical, dietary and other relevant information. We would remind you that if any of the information relevant to your children changes it is the parent's responsibility to inform the school as early as possible.

'Chuck in your Change'

Each classroom in school has a charity box on the teacher's desk and any money collected goes to a worthwhile charitable cause at the end of the school year. We would encourage you to send in 'coppers' and loose change at your convenience.

Yours faithfully,
K D Campbell
Principal.



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