



# November 2018 Information Sheet

Learning, Caring & Achieving

Dear Parent,

As the festive season approaches and school becomes increasingly busy there is some more information I wish to pass on.

## **Christmas Craft Fayre**

Tomorrow (Thu) you will receive a flyer regarding our forthcoming Christmas Fayre on 29 November. We're looking forward to a great night so please come along, have a cuppa and snap up some great Christmas stocking fillers! Please note that school finishes at 1:00pm on that day and dinners will be served at 12:00pm. Supervision will be available from 1:00-3:25pm, with buses at 3:25pm as usual.

Please note the next POD meeting will take place on 19 November at 7:30pm. All new members are welcome.

## **Defibrillator**

We are delighted to have recently installed a defibrillator in school for community use. We are also indebted to the following organisations for providing generous donations towards this worthwhile cause:

- Drumhillery Presbyterian Church
- Drumhillery Girls Brigade
- Keady & Drumhillery Youth Fellowship
- Drumhillery LOL 229

Please note the defibrillator has also been registered with the Northern Ireland Ambulance Service. In the event of an emergency please phone 999 and you will be supplied with the code to access the defibrillator. This code has also been given to local church and community leaders to use as necessary and is also on display at various locations within our school. Several school staff and local community volunteers have also been trained in its use, though prior training is not essential to using the device.

## **Cookery Book**

Thank you for all your cooperation with our Drumhillery Recipe Book. We were so impressed with how enthusiastically the children participated and we're now looking forward to seeing the finished product! The recipe book is currently being printed and we will let you know when they are available for distribution.

## **School Uniform**

As you will be aware we introduced some important changes to our school uniform this year and, in general, we're very pleased at the response. As a reminder the changes were as follows:



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**Boys** - grey trousers, school polo shirt, school sweatshirt, black shoes, grey/navy socks

**Girls** - navy skirt/pinafore, school polo shirt, school sweatshirt, black shoes, white socks/navy tights

Plain navy tracksuit bottoms (without logos/crests), school polo shirt, sweatshirt and trainers should *ONLY* be worn on PE days.

**The school photographer** will visit school on 12 November to take family and individual photos. I have already forwarded the Opus Consent form which should be returned by this Thursday (8 Nov) at the latest. Normal everyday uniform will be worn that day, though parents may opt for full school uniform or ordinary clothes if so desired. Photos including preschool or older siblings will be done first, commencing at approximately 9:15am.

A copy of the November Dinner Menu has been placed on the school website, under Key Information-Downloads- Dinner Menu

### **Tharp Family**

We are delighted to have the Tharp Family from USA in school next Thursday 15 November. This is their first visit and we're looking forward to a feast of music and song!

### **Coats**

As the colder weather is now here we would ask that children bring a coat to school. Many of them complain of being cold at break/lunch time, yet very often they haven't brought a coat with them. Also, please remember to label coats with your child's name. The school rule is, if a child is sent to school with a coat they must wear it at break and lunchtime.

### **Holidays**

Please note school will be closed from Monday 24 December 2018 to Friday 4 January 2019 for the Christmas Holidays. School closes at 12:00pm on Friday 21 December and reopens on Monday 7 January 2019. We will confirm the availability of buses nearer the time.

Yours faithfully,

K D Campbell.

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