



December 2018 Information Sheet

Learning, Caring & Achieving

Dear Parent,

As the festive season approaches there is some more information I wish to pass on.

P1 Admissions

If your child is starting P1 in September 2019 you can apply for their place online from Wednesday 2 January 2019 at 10:00am. The closing date and time will be 12:00 midnight on Thursday 31 January. If for any reason you are unable to apply online, please contact the school office on 028 37568725 and we will be happy to advise you of alternative ways to enroll your child.

I have placed guidance on the digital admissions process on the Front Page of our school website and also under Key Information-Admissions. Further information is also available on the EA website under the Admissions section at - <https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions>

If you know of anyone else in the community who intends to send their child to Drumhillery PS in September 2019 then please pass this information on.

School Facebook Page

We are finding our school Facebook page to be an increasingly effective tool in promoting school events and activities. We would like to encourage as many parents as possible to visit our page and Like and Share pages as often as possible. We would also really appreciate if some parents were willing to take a few minutes to submit a review or recommendation, to enable prospective parents to gain a flavour of our school.

Christmas Play

5th December was a night to remember in Drumhillery as we staged our performance of 'Bah Humbug – A Dickens of a Christmas Carol.' I'm sure you'll agree the children performed fantastically well on the night and it was such an encouragement to staff and pupils alike to see such a great turnout of parents.



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The amazing total of £426.90 was collected in free will donations at the door. Thank you so much for your generosity.

If you still haven't returned your DVD reply slip this should be forwarded to school by Wednesday 13 December at the latest.

Macmillan Cancer Support

For many years now staff members in Drumhillery have kindly agreed to forego receiving Christmas presents from parents in order that the money could go to a worthwhile charity. We always endeavour to focus on a charity which has a meaningful connection with our school and community, so consequently we have decided this year all monies raised will be donated to Macmillan Cancer Support.

To this end we have forwarded donation envelopes to each family. If you wish to make a donation we would request that all monies are with us by Friday 21 December 2018. We appreciate that Christmas is a very expensive time for families so please note this is entirely voluntary.

Opus Photo Orders

Any remaining photo orders should be in school by Wednesday 13 December at the latest.

P3/4 Hockey

P3/4 will commence hockey lessons with Christine Russell on Wednesday 9 January. The cost is £1.50 per week or alternatively parents may find it more convenient to pay £12 as a one off, up front payment at the outset. School hockey sticks may be used or alternatively the children may bring in their own. Mouth guards should also be worn. Perhaps Santa could help out here!!

There are 2 remaining P5-7 hockey sessions this term, on 13 and 20 December. P5-7 pupils have really enjoyed the sessions and have benefited much from them. Certificates will be presented at a later stage.



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P5-7 swimming lessons commence on Thursday 10 January 2019. More information will follow on this.

Christmas Craft Fayre

'Parents of Drumhillery' (POD) organised a very successful Christmas Craft Fayre on Thursday 29 November. There was a range of stalls to view and refreshments were provided for all. We are delighted that approximately £1000 was raised for school funds. Our thanks must go to everyone who attended the event for their support and especially we must commend our fantastic POD group for their brilliant organisation, commitment and hard work. We have a very dedicated group who give so freely of their time and efforts and we would like to assure them that their efforts are very much appreciated.

Defibrillator

You will be aware we have recently installed a defibrillator in school. Please note that the pedestrian gate into school will be left unlocked in future, in order to facilitate access in the event of an emergency.

Newtownhamilton High School Carol Service

We are delighted to have been invited to the Newtownhamilton HS Carol service on Tuesday 18 December at 10:30am. P5-7 pupils will participate and one of our pupils will perform a reading. Parents are also welcome to attend.

Mobile phones

We would like to strongly reemphasise that mobile phones should never be used in school or on the school bus, under any circumstance. You will appreciate that schools now operate under strict guidance when it comes to phones and social media.

Cookery Book

Copies of our 'Delicious Delights' recipe book are still available for purchase! Priced at £5 and packed with fantastic recipes from all our pupils and staff members, it's sure to make the perfect stocking filler this Christmas! Contact us if you would still like to purchase one.



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Our Christmas Party will take place on the morning of Thursday 20 December. There will be a very special visitor popping in with gifts for anyone on the 'good' list! Thursday 20 and Friday 21 December will be non-uniform days.

Holidays

Please note school will be closed from Monday 24 December 2018 to Friday 4 January 2019 (inclusive) for the Christmas Holidays. School closes at 12:00pm on Friday 21 December and reopens on Monday 7 January 2019. Buses are available on Friday 21st December

Finally, I would take this opportunity, on behalf of all the staff and Board of Governors of Drumhillery, to thank you for your support during 2018 and wish you all a very relaxing Christmas break and a Happy New Year.

Yours faithfully,

K D Campbell.

PRINCIPAL



'...His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.' Isaiah 9:6b