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### End of term information letter

Dear Parent,

As the festive season approaches we wish to pass on some further information to parents.

#### P1 Admissions

If your child is starting P1 in September 2022 you can apply for their place online at [www.eani.org.uk/admissions](http://www.eani.org.uk/admissions) from 10 January 2022 at 12 noon. The closing date and time will be 12:00 noon on 28 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. If you know of anyone else in the community who intends to send their child to Drumhillery PS in September 2022 then please pass this information on.

#### Sport

P3/4 will commence hockey lessons with Christine Russell on Wednesday 12 January, for 10 weeks. The cost is £1.50 per week or alternatively parents may find it more convenient to forward £15 as a one off payment. School hockey sticks may be used or the children may bring in their own. Mouth guards should also be worn. Perhaps Santa could help out here!!

Burns Bros Football -we are delighted that Burns Bros. will be returning for After School Football next term, for P1-7 pupils. We will send home more information at the start of next term.

Swimming lessons will recommence on Thursday 13 January for P5-7 pupils. We will send out permission slips during the first week back.

#### School Trip

There was great excitement when we recently announced our first p6-7 residential trip for 3 years! P6-7 pupils will travel to Gortatole Outdoor Education Centre in Fermanagh from 16-18 May 2022, along with pupils from Churchill PS. We will be in touch next term with more information. 15 deposits have been received.

#### Coppers Collection

As you will be aware we sponsor 3 children at Zepisa National School in Tanzania. They are Daniel Amani, Anjela Charles and Erick Donald (Kids4school). For just £39.99 per year each pupil is provided with a daily meal and a basic education for a whole year. Each teacher in Drumhillery has a charity box on their desk and 'coppers' brought in by the children are collected for this good cause. While this was temporarily paused due to Covid we are now happy to resume our collection in January 2022. A shield will be awarded to the class with the highest amount each month.

### **Defibrillator**

We have recently registered our school defibrillator on 'The Circuit,' which is the national defibrillator network. It's also now connected to **Northern Ireland Ambulance Service** and more likely to be used in the event of an emergency. We have also recently changed the pads and updated the equipment inside. Local community leaders have been provided with the code to access the defibrillator in the event of an emergency.

### **Easy Fundraising**

Perhaps, like me, you have every intention of using Easy Fundraising when shopping online but don't always remember to do it! So here's the answer! On the Easy Fundraising website there's an option to install a Donation Reminder which will pop up each time you shop online (only available on laptops or computers). It's a really useful tool! To date we have raised almost £300 and have 36 supporters. Big thank you to everyone who has registered already!

**EA Violin** - we currently have 8 pupils enjoying violin lessons each Thursday afternoon. The lessons represent great value for money, costing just £75 per year for approximately 32 lessons. Thank you to those who've already sent in Term 1 payments. We would appreciate if the remaining payments were forwarded to school by Monday 20 December.

### **Christmas Parties**

We are planning Christmas parties next week, within class bubbles. P1-4 parties will be on Monday 20 December and P5-7 will be on Tuesday 21 December.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week (20-22 Dec) will be non-uniform/Christmas Jumper Days. We're also hoping Santa can pop into school to see everyone before the end of term!

### **Pupil of the Month**

Well done to the following pupils, our latest Pupil of the Month Winners. Keep up the great work!

P1-2    Riley McGurgan  
P3-4    Danny Clarke  
P5-6    Harry Watt  
P7       Mia Robinson

### **Christmas Holidays**

Our Christmas holidays will run from 23 December-5 January (inclusive) and Term 2 will recommence on Thursday 6 January 2022.

### **General Information**

- We are delighted to welcome Rev David Moses onto our school assembly rota. Rev Moses has recently been installed as Church of Ireland Rector in Keady, Armaghbreague, Derrynoose and Newtownhamilton.
- Student Placement - we have also been delighted to have Miss Helen Hawthorne in school recently on placement. Helen is a past pupil of Drumhillery and is currently completing a PGCE in Primary Education at Edgehill University. She has been in P1-2 for several weeks and will be in P3-4 for approximately 4 weeks after Christmas.

Finally, may I thank you, on behalf of the staff and BOG, for your ongoing support in this another challenging year for everyone and also take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the school.

Many thanks  
K D Campbell

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