

EDUCATION AUTHORITY – SOUTHERN REGION

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Dear Parent

After a busy week or two with our Nativity Play, various community engagements etc, I would like to take this opportunity to update you with some more events coming up before we break up for the Christmas holidays.

Open Day for new P1 pupils

Our open day for pupils who are due to start school in September 2024 is taking place today between 3.00pm and 8.00pm. If you know of any parent who would be interested in enrolling their child at Donaghey Primary School, please encourage them to contact me to arrange a viewing of the school at a date and time that suits them.

If you currently have children attending the school and you have another child due to start P1 in September 2024, you are invited along with your child to drop into school on Monday 15th January 2024 between 9.30am and 10.30am. You will have the opportunity to view the P1 classroom and meet the teachers.

Key dates for admissions:

Tuesday 12 December 2023

Admissions criteria for Primary schools published on the EA website.

Tuesday 09 January 2024 - 12 noon

EA Connect portal opens for online applications for Reception and Primary 1.

Friday 26 January 2024 - 12 noon

EA Connect portal closed for online applications for Reception and Primary 1.

Wednesday 31 January 2024 – 4pm

Deadline for submitting verification/supporting documents via EA Connect. Final date for Late paper applications.

Thursday 25 April 2024

Notification of outcome of application.

Christmas Post

Our internal Christmas post box will be open from tomorrow. Pupils can post cards to other pupils in school at a cost of 2p per card with all proceeds going to Save the Children. The P7 pupils will manage the sorting and delivery of the cards. The last day for posting cards will be on Tuesday 19th December.

Principal: Mr S Harrison, BSSc, PGCE, PQH (NI).

Christmas Party

A school Christmas Party has been planned for the evening of Tuesday 18th December. The party will be held over two sessions, P1-P4: 6.15pm – 7.15pm and P5-P7: 7.30pm – 8.30pm. There will be music and games. Children should wear their festive/party wear & will receive a party bag on the evening.

If you can help out at either or both sessions, please let Mr Harrison know by email. The fee is £3.00 per child with funds going towards the Donaghey Parents' Association (DPA). We would be grateful if you could send in the payment with your child by Wednesday 13th December in an envelope marked 'DPA Christmas Party' with the name of your child/children also written on the envelope. This information will give the DPA sufficient time to plan for the event.

Community Christmas Breakfast

As indicated in previous correspondence, our Community Christmas Breakfast will take place on Monday 18th December 2023 from 8am-9am in the assembly hall. This is always a wonderful morning and it is great to open our doors to the school community. The breakfast will be a continental style breakfast and of course Santa will be there. Parking will be available at the Congregational Church. Breakfast for adults will be £4.00 and children £2.00. Please complete the online form on the app and payment by 12pm on Friday 15th December if you and other family members plan to attend. This information will help us plan the breakfast.

The DPA will be organising photos with Santa immediately after the breakfast. If you would like your child's photo taken with Santa with the intention of purchasing a photo, please send in £5.00 before 9am on Friday 15th December. Please insert the money in an envelope and write your child's name and class on the envelope along with quantity of photos you would like. It is £5.00 per photo.

Other:

- The kitchen at Edendork Primary School has informed me that they will not be able to provide a Christmas dinner. Nevertheless, a turkey dinner will be available on Thursday 14th December. This is disappointing; however it is a situation which is completely beyond our control.
- Friday 15th December will be a non-uniform day however it would be great if our pupils wore a Christmas jumper in aid of Save the Children. The school will make a donation to Save the Children in addition to the raised money through our Christmas postal service.
- P1-P4 trip to the cinema – Tuesday 19th December. See the payments section in the app for more details.
- Members of our P5-P7 choir will be visiting the Drapersfield House Private Nursing Home on the morning of Wednesday 20th December to sing for the residents. The pupils will be travelling to and from the nursing home by bus. More details to follow.

We will break up for the Christmas holidays on Thursday 21st December at 11.30am. The school bus will run at this time. School uniform is not required on this day. School will reopen on Thursday 4th January 2024.

I will write to you again before we break up for the Christmas holidays.

Yours sincerely

Mr S. Harrison
Principal