



EBRINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

January 2019 Newsletter

Happy New Year

Welcome back to school. We hope you enjoyed the break and feel refreshed and ready to start another busy term. May I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a prosperous and peaceful New Year.

Christmas Carol Service & Concerts

Our school Carol Service and all the school concerts were a great success during December. It was wonderful to be able to welcome so many of our parents, family and friends to these events. Thank you for your generous donations at the end of each. In total, we raised the fantastic amount of **£1457.43**. This amount will be shared between Foyle Search & Rescue and the Children's Ward in Altnagelvin Area Hospital.

School Enrolment

REMINDER: the online admissions portal for parents of pupils entering pre-school and primary can be found at eani.org.uk/parents/admissions. Applications can be made until Thursday 31 January 2019. This means parents making the application directly to EA, without involvement of school. The school office will provide support for any parents who have no access to internet, or who are having difficulty, on Tuesday 15 & Wednesday 16 January. Please contact school to make an appointment time, if needed.

We hope all parents and friends will support the school by recommending Ebrington to neighbours and friends with young children or any new families moving into this area.

A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION-Punctuality/Attendance.

In most cases, our pupils come to school on time every day. In making sure they do, you are helping to establish good practice for the future. Patterns of lateness and absence that start in primary school can end up in truancy in the secondary school and "hard to break habits" for the work place. So please make sure you HELP your child by:

- Being firm about bedtimes.
- Encouraging them to prepare the night before, those items they will need for school the next day.
- Making sure they are in time to have breakfast and to leave the house promptly.

REMEMBER: SCHOOL COMMENCES AT 8.55 am with the first bell at 8.50 am. Pod doors are locked down after this time and entry is via the main school office, where parents must sign their child in late. If a parent needs to speak to a teacher, the morning time as school is starting is not the appropriate time to do it. Please ensure you come earlier to school with your child if a message needs passed forward.

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Primary 6 & 7-OPEN NIGHTS

Could I remind parents of Yr 7 pupils that our local post-primary schools are holding "Open Nights" and "Information Days" for parents and pupils this month. Further details on the Transfer Procedure for both P6 parents & P7 parents will follow shortly.

Lisneal College-Wednesday 9 January, principal's address 7:00pm & 7:30pm

Foyle College-Thursday 10 January, 6:30pm-9:00pm, principal's address 7:30pm & 8:30pm

Oakgrove College-Saturday 12 January, 11:00am-3:00pm

Staff Development Days

When the 2018-2019 holiday list was sent out, it was noted that 2 further Staff Development Days were to be confirmed.

I wish to inform parents that these two additional days for the school calendar will now be Tuesday 19 March & Wednesday 17 April. Please see below for the amended Spring Term dates:

Half term	Monday 18-Thursday 21 February
Staff Development Day	Friday 22 February
Bank Holiday-St Patricks Day	Monday 18 March
Staff Development Day	Tuesday 19 March (additional day)
Easter Holidays	Tuesday 16 April-school closes at 12:00 noon
Staff Development Day	Wednesday 17 April (additional day)

After School Clubs

Please ensure that, when using the after school clubs, booking is in by the Thursday of the preceding week. This is necessary, as Friday is the day when staff are timetabled to the various programmes/ activities on offer. During November and December, a large number of booking forms were coming in late (Friday or Monday morning), which meant that supervision needed adjusting (significantly, at times). From this term onwards, late booking forms will not be accepted.

Primary 2 'Extended Hours'

REMINDER: P2 pupils now stay in school on a Monday-Thursday until 3:00pm, but continue to finish on a Friday at 2:00pm.



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