

Ebrington Primary School

Newsletter (October 2017)



It is hard to believe that September has already slipped by and certainly didn't do the school any favours weather wise! Let us hope for a late spell of sunshine in October!

Curriculum Review Meetings

Attendance at this year's Curriculum Review Evenings was very good and many parents gave extremely positive feedback – thank you!

Home Learning – News sheet

Each Year Group will continue to keep parents informed of classroom routines, topics and projects by issuing parents with a regular class 'News Sheet'. We hope that these will continue to prove beneficial and allow parents to support their child's learning at home. Further information is available on our website – www.ebringtonps.co.uk. Staff are also looking into the merits of a school Facebook account and Twitter feed.

Parent / Teacher Interviews

This is the fifth year of our "on a need to interview" format for our October Parent-Teacher Interviews. Details to follow shortly. Year 7 teachers always try to see all of their parents at this time of year and this process has already started.

Flu Campaign

The Government is trying to target ALL primary aged pupils across N. Ireland in this year's Flu Campaign. A number of Nursing Staff will be in school on **Thursday 5th October** to give a Nasal Vaccine to pupils who returned their 'Brown Envelopes' saying "Yes". It is not too late to return your form!

Update – New Premises

The school continues to work closely with the EA to further enhance and equip our new premises – both inside and out. There is much to be done! However, I would like to reassure parents and pupils that we are actively looking into some form of canopies to protect us as best we can from the elements. We have asked for designs and costs for over-hangs at the 'Pod' doors and a shelter of some description near the 'pick up' point between the Nursery and Foundation stage.



Update – New Premises (cont/d)

Clooney Greenway

I asked Derry and Strabane Council for a statement of progress regarding the Clooney Greenway. I received the following: -

"Planning approval has now been gained for the greenway and lands transfer negotiations are progressing apace".

This Greenway will run from Clooney Estate to Nelson Drive – in other words, at the back of both schools, allowing easy walking access for families.

Traffic Flow

On the whole this is working quite well. There is a small sign at the entrance to the Nursery and pickup point – which says 'Staff Cars Only'. This is to ensure the safety of our children, parents and grandparents who pickup from this area in large numbers. Thank you for your support on this matter.



CHRISTMAS DATES

Year 1 & 2 Concert – Thursday 7th December 2017

Year 3 & 4 Concert – Friday 8th December 2017

Nursery 1 (Mrs Dalzell) – Tuesday 12th December 2017

Nursery 2 (Ms Caithness) – Wednesday 13th December 2017

Day with Santa – Tuesday 19th December 2017

Carol Service – Thursday 21st December 2017 in Ebrington Presbyterian Church



IMPORTANT DATES IN OCTOBER

Year 1-6 Interviews 9th – 13th October 2017

PTA Meeting 9th October 2017 at 7.30pm in School staffroom.

What else is the School working towards

- Facebook page and Twitter Account
- Eco Club
- School Council

Please obey all signage, drive slowly and show patience!