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Welcome Back!



A very warm welcome back to school after the Christmas holidays. From what we have already heard Santa Claus has had a very busy time and is probably having a well-earned rest after visiting all of the homes in and around the Aughamullan area.

Here's hoping for a safe, productive and rewarding term.

Some Dates for the Diary

Day	Dates	Event
Tuesday	19 th /26 th Jan 2 nd / 9 th /23 rd Feb. 1 st /8 th /15 th /22 nd March	Swimming Cookstown Leisure Centre
Tuesday	12 th /19 th /26 th Jan. 2 nd / 9 th /23 rd Feb. 1 st /8 th /15 th /22 nd March	After-Schools (Lights, Camera, Confidence)
Wednesday	20 th /27 th Jan 3 rd /10 th /17 th 24 th Feb 2 nd / 9 th / 16 th March	Guitar Lessons Resume (letters have been issued to those children involved)
Thursday	7 th /14 th / 21 st /28 th Jan 4 th /11 th /18 th Feb 3 rd /10 th Mar	French Tuition

School Enrolment Reminder

Enrolment forms for children starting primary one next September are available from the school secretary. These need to be returned to the school by Wednesday 13th January. If you know of anyone that is considering sending their child to Aughamullan Primary School, please ask them to get in touch or log onto the school's website so that they can view our school, the facilities and the excellent provision we can offer.

Milk:

As it is a new term, if you would like your child/ren to have milk, please remember to complete the given form. Milk for the term is at cost of £15.

Swimming Lessons

The children from primary three and four will be attending Cookstown Leisure Centre every Tuesday for the next 9 weeks for swimming lessons. This is a brilliant opportunity for the children to increase their water confidence and encourage them to become competent swimmers! The cost will be £3 per week.

The children will need:

a bathing costume
a towel
a swimming cap
swimming goggles are essential
See Separate Note

Lights, Camera, Confidence:

A big welcome back to Andrea from Lights, Camera, Confidence who will be taking our afterschool activities for the forth-coming weeks. In the taster session earlier this year all the girls and boys participated in various activities and thoroughly enjoyed them. Through Drama, Dance and singing the children will engage in a variety of activities to promote Confidence, Communication, Creativity, Co-Ordination and Concentration. This will cost £2 per child.

Bonjour!

Karine will resume with French tuition on Thursdays costing 50 pence.

Choir for Confirmation:

Some of the boys and girls from our school will join with children from the other primary schools in our Parish to be part of the choir for the special occasion of Confirmation on Saturday the 13th February @3:00pm. Further details with dates for practices will follow.

Confirmation

Please Note

Our Primary Seven children
will receive the sacrament of Confirmation
on **Saturday 13th February 2016**
in **Saint Patrick's Church Clonoe**
at **3:00pm.**

Practices will be closer to the date. More details to follow.

Catholic Schools Week

This year Catholic School Week begins on January 31- February 6th.
The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2016 is,
"Catholic Schools: Challenged to Proclaim God's mercy".
The Primary Three and Four children will present an assembly to mark the occasion.
The school will be represented at a Special Mass in Armagh Cathedral to celebrate this special event. Date to be confirmed.

Local Post Primary School Visits

January will be a very busy month for our primary seven children.
The primary seven pupils will have the opportunity to listen to pupil's and staff views of their respective post primary schools during visits to our school during the month of January.

The children have already received a separate letter informing them of the various details of Open Days/Evenings and I would encourage parents and children to attend as many of these events as possible.

A copy of the transfer form for Primary Seven pupils transferring to their new school in September 2016 will be issued shortly and should be returned to school by 29th January 2016.

No Snow ...Yet!!

Thank goodness for the mild weather on the run up to and over Christmas break. As always the school will apply its 'Extreme Weather Policy' if snow comes our way! Please make sure the mobile number is registered with school is correct and that you have received a text message from the school's text service in the recent past.

Saint Brigid

As Monday the 1st. February approaches we in Aughamullan Primary School are going to celebrate one of Ireland's Patron Saints by inviting the parents/guardians and grandparents to gather at the Washingbay Centre @10:00 am and hear the Story of Saint Brigid; participate in her traditions and prayers and make Saint Brigid's crosses together for all our homes.

Reminder

Mid Term Holidays:

The school will be closed Monday 15th & Tuesday 16th February 2016

Adoration for Parents of Confirmation Children 4th Feb @ 6pm -7pm

Ceremony of Light 7th Feb @6pm

Sacrament of Confirmation Saturday 13th February 2016 @3pm

Sacrament of Penance 15th March @ 7pm

First Holy Communion Saturday 21st May 2016

Many thanks for your continuing support and co-operation.

Kind regards

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Acting Principal