



Education Authority North Eastern Region

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September 2018

Dear Parent,

Welcome back to a new school year. I hope you had a restful summer holiday and are ready for another busy autumn term. I apologise for the length of this bulletin but please take time to read it thoroughly as it contains very important information and dates. Also please check, face book, and notice board, they are updated weekly.

There will also a new the school web site and we will inform you when it's active. Over the summer many pupils have been busy and I would like to take this opportunity to mention the achievements of some of our pupils. A special mention to the children who participated in the Antrim Show, I am delighted to inform you that the school came second in the School's Art Competition. The gardening club also won a prize for their cabbage. Well done everyone!

Please appreciate that a lot of effort goes into making sure that the information contained in the Newsletter is accurate before it's published, but unfortunately during the term things are liable to change, often through no fault of our own



Stars in Our School

Congratulations to the following children

Tommy Hill gained s certificate in swimming.

Ellie McCandless was awarded a trophy for the "Most Promising Explorer" in the GB, a trophy in CE, and a trophy for "Ballerina of the Year". She also gained a certificate in swimming.

Lily McClure gained her Goldfish 1 certificate in swimming.

Charlotte Brown won a medal in trampolining, and was awarded a 1st place in the Craft competition at Antrim Show.

Ellen Fullerton gained her Goldfish 2 swimming certificate, two 1st places in the craft competition at Antrim Show and a 1st place for showing a calf at Antrim Show.

Ella Mae Millar achieved Level 8 in Gymnastics, her Goldfish 3 swimming certificate, a trophy in CE and a Scripture Prize in GB.

Lea Williamson won a medal at Antrim Show for her art work.

Samuel Craig gained a Merit in his Grade II Cornet.



Starting Time

As lessons start at **9.15am**, please ensure that your child is in school before this. Please note that children should **NOT** be in school before **9.00am** as there is no supervision.

Parking

Please be aware of other drivers. As the school is situated on a narrow country road it is important that courtesy is shown to other drivers and that the road is left clear for vehicles to pass.

Children's Responsibility

I would like to ask you to support us with events in school and ensure all notes and permission slips are returned as necessary and promptly.

Dates for your Diary



Breakfast Club



Unfortunately, due to Education Authority constraints and lack of interest from parents we are no longer able to offer a breakfast club.

Milk



The cost of milk for this term (3rd September – 20th December 2018) is £12.40 (74 days at 21p). Milk **MUST** be ordered on the **3rd September** and paid for by **Friday 7th September** otherwise it is too late. Please complete the consent form if you wish your child to take milk. Please note that it is not possible to allow credit for milk not drunk due to absence. Surplus milk will be given to children in attendance free of charge.

School Dinners



School dinners **MUST** be ordered and paid for first thing on a Monday morning. The cost is £2.60 and the menu is sent out fortnightly.

Toast



It is hoped to provide toast at break-time three mornings a week, Monday, Wednesday and Friday at a cost of 20p per slice. I would be grateful if you would help support the school on the appropriate days either by letting your child buy toast, or bringing in something healthy to eat. If you feel that making toast is something you could help with either regularly or on an ad-hoc basis please speak to me as soon as possible.

HOP Club (Helping Out Parents)

The HOP Club continues every Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoon from 2.00-3.00pm. The cost is £2 per day. If this is something you feel you can help with speak to me ASAP.

Uniform



School sweatshirts, cardigans and coats be purchased for £3.00 per item from Mrs Hall.

Naming of Uniform

Please ensure that your child's **NAME** is clearly marked on all items of his/her uniform. Remember to name coats as well.

Piano/Singing Lessons

Piano/Singing lessons will start on Thursday 6th September. If your child is in P3 or above and would be interested in taking either of these lessons, please complete the appropriate section of the consent form even if you have previously availed of this. A charge will be attached to these lessons.

Woodwind/Brass Tuition



Woodwind and Brass tuition will take place on Tuesday afternoon starting Tuesday 4th September. If your child is in P3 or above and would like to participate in these lessons, please complete the appropriate section of the consent form even if you have previously availed of this. Please note there will be charge attached to these lessons.

Violin Lessons



Violin lessons will start on Thursday afternoon 6th September 2018. If anyone from P3 – P7 would like to participate in these lessons, please complete the appropriate section of the consent form even if you have previously availed of this. Please note there will be a cost attached to these lessons.

Swimming



Unfortunately, due to health & Safety rules P5 will again be unable to go swimming with P6/P7. However, arrangements have been made for P5 to go swimming on a Tuesday morning with Tannaghmore this year again. The school swimming programme for P5-P7 will commence on Tuesday 4th September, and continues weekly until Christmas. The cost is £2 per child and transport is provided by EA-NE. The children will be accompanied by their class teacher and instruction will be provided by the Antrim Forum. Children are required to bring a waterproof swimming bag containing a towel and bathing costume. No money is required for lockers. Break can be eaten before going swimming.

Monday Club

Any P6 child considering sitting either of the transfer exams is encouraged to remain after school from 3:00-4:00pm every Monday afternoon. This time will be used to revise work and complete papers similar to those that will be sat in November time

P3/P4 Visits to Antrim Library



Starting Thursday 13th September P3 pupils will be visiting Antrim Library the first Thursday of every month. They will be transported to the library by bus. The cost of each visit is £2. Please complete the consent form below if you

agree to your child attending this activity. We will need help with transportation as the bus will not hold the whole class, if you feel that this is something you could help with, please indicate on consent form.



P1 – P4 PE

PE lessons will continue every Monday at Kells Church Hall starting 10th September. The pupils will be transported to Kells by bus and the charge of £1 for the bus applies. Please ensure that your child brings appropriate footwear.

P1 Parent's Meeting

This will be held in the school on Monday 10th September at 8.00p.m. and is the first in a series of meetings to be held throughout the school year. These meetings will give an overview of the Revised Curriculum that your child will be following throughout their school years. In the past these meetings have proved to be very useful and feedback from parents has been very positive. I would therefore encourage you all to make this a priority in your diary as it is when the school and home work closely together that your child benefits most from their education.



Good News Club

The Good News Club will commence on Tuesday 11th September for 6 weeks. The P2-P3 from 2.00 – 3.00p.m. (P1 children can attend these sessions from Tuesday 2nd October) and P4 – P7 from 3.00 – 4.00p.m. There will be no charge for this club. Please complete the appropriate form below if you wish your child to attend. Please note there will be no Good News on Thursday 16th September.



Football

A series of 5 football coaching sessions will be held after school starting Thursday 13th September. P2-P3 children can attend from 2.00 – 3.00pm and P4 – P7 from 3.00 – 4.00pm. The P1 children can join starting Thursday 5th October. If you wish your child to participate please complete the consent form. The cost is £12 per child. The cost for P1 children is £2 per session. Please note there will be no football on Thursday 18th September.

P3/P4 Parent's Meeting

A meeting will be held in the school on Monday 17th September at 6.30pm. This meeting will provide information about your child's curriculum and what you can do to help your child throughout the year.

P7 Parent's Meeting

A meeting will be held in the school on Monday 17th September at 7.15pm. This meeting will provide information about your child's curriculum and what you can do to help your child throughout the year.

P5/P6 Parent's Meeting

A meeting will be held in the school on Monday 17th September at 8.00pm. This meeting will provide information about your child's curriculum and what you can do to help your child throughout the year.

Tots & Co



Tots & Co will continue on a Friday morning starting 7th September. This runs from 9.30am – 11.00am. The themes will be based on outdoor play when possible.

P2 Parent's Meeting

A meeting providing information on Literacy throughout the P2 year at school and home will be held in the school on Monday 1st October at 8.00pm.

Board of Governors Election

On Monday 24th September at 7.30pm there will be an exceptional meeting to elect 2 parent representatives on to the Board of Governors. Any parent elected will represent the parents for the period 2018-2022. If you feel this is a role you could carry out, please speak to me ASAP. As these 2 parents will represent the parent voice on the Board of Governors, please make attendance at this meeting a priority so that you can vote for your representatives.



PTA AGM

The PTA AGM will be held at 8.00pm on Monday 24th September (directly after the Board of Governors election). Please make attendance a priority as the children really benefit from events held and money raised by the PTA.

P1/P2 Autumn Walk



It is hoped that P1/P2 will participate in their annual Autumn Walk on Thursday 27th September. Parents are invited to join us. Please leave your child at Clotworthy at 9.30am. P2 children will return to school at 12 noon. Please send a break and ensure your child is wearing a sensible waterproof coat and wellington boots. If you cannot collect

your child from Clotworthy please send a booster seat. If you consent to your child taking part please complete the consent form.

P1 Children

From Monday 1st October P1 children will remain in school until 2.00p.m.

OSM Collection

This will take place on Thursday 25th October and is a collection of black bags with old clothes, bedding (no duvets), curtains, shoes, belts and handbags. This is a thoroughly worthwhile project as the clothes are given to charity while the school earns money. At the last collection the school earned £124.80. Please bring your bags to the school on the Thursday morning and leave in the playground.

Parental Interviews

These will be held every afternoon of the week beginning Monday 15th October 2018. All children will go home at 2.00p.m. during this week. A timetable detailing the interview schedule will be sent to you nearer the time.



Flu Vaccination Programme

On Thursday 18th October the Flu Vaccination is being offered to all children from P1-P7. The vaccine to be used is an intranasal one and is given as a spray up the nose. The school nurse will be in school on this date to administer the vaccine

Shoeboxes

Once again we will be continuing to support the shoebox appeal for Romania. Shoeboxes should be sent in by Thursday 25th October. More details will be provided nearer the time.



Harvest Service

Our special Harvest Assembly will be on Friday 26th October and will be held in Creevery Gospel Hall at 9.30am. Please take your child directly to the Gospel Hall for this time, if you are unable to do so your child should be left to school for the usual time and they will then be walked down to the Hall, if this is the case please ensure your child brings a coat. Parents and friends are invited. Children are encouraged to bring a small gift of tins or dried food, which will be given to the food bank.

Harvest Scavenger Hunt

A scavenger hunt will be held on Friday 26th October from 1.00 – 2.00p.m. Pupils are asked to bring Wellington boots and a warm coat with them, as this activity takes place outside. School will finish at 2.00p.m. for all pupils.



Halloween Holidays

The school will be closed from Monday 29th until Friday 2nd November 2018.



Open Day/Night

An Open Day/Night will be held on Thursday 29th November 2018 from 1.00-3.00pm and 7.00-9.00pm for anyone considering starting their child in P1 at Creevery in September 2019.



Christmas Pantomime

It is hoped the children will be attending the pantomime 'Jack and the Beanstalk' on Thursday 13th December at the Old Courthouse Theatre, Antrim. Children should be left directly to the entrance of the Castle Mall at **10.00am** and picked up again at **12 noon SHARP** when they can go home. Parents are asked to send £5 per child towards the cost and the PTA are kindly subsidising the remaining cost of the pantomime.



Christmas Celebration

A date for your diary. The Christmas Celebration will take place on Thursday 20th December 2018.



Volunteers

Over the years Creevery has been able to offer an enriched experience due to parents volunteering in a number of different roles. If you would like to act as a volunteer on a regular or ad hoc basis please speak to me at your earliest convenience or complete the form below.

Photographs

During the year your child may be photographed participating in school activities such as school trips, sports events, classroom activities etc. These photographs may be used for display purposes in the school, our yearly scrapbook, publication in the local press, school prospectus etc. Photographs may also be included on our school website. As a school we feel it is important that pupil achievements are recognised so that pupils feel happy and successful.

However, we are also sensitive to those pupils who may not wish their photograph to be taken or used for any school purpose. It is important therefore that our school record is kept up to date. Please fill in the permission slip attached.

Transporting Pupils

As you are probably aware, there are times when we rely on parents to provide transport for children for a variety of activities and we really appreciate the support of many parents in this regard. We must however, adhere to the Child Protection regulations. If you would be available and would be prepared to help in transporting children should the need arise, please complete the attached slip and return it to school.

If your child is under 135cm tall and you are not transporting but would like your child to participate in a trip please ensure that your child brings a booster seat with them as it is illegal to transport them without one.

Recorder

Children in P4 and upwards will be learning to play the recorder and regulations do not allow us to lend recorders to pupils who do not have one. Would you please ensure, therefore that every family has one. They can be purchased in Nicholl's (Ballymena). Please mark either the recorder or it's bag in some way to identify it.

P1/P2 Wellies



As outdoor play forms an integral part of the Revised Curriculum, the P1/P2 children are encouraged to keep a pair of wellies in school. Please send a pair that are clearly named.

Know the Rules

School Rules



I would appreciate it if you could take the time to read the school rules with your child and sign the appropriate form to indicate that you are aware of these rules.

Birthdays



As in previous years children will be allowed to wear non-uniform on their birthday.

Records Update



To help update school records I would be grateful if you would complete the attached information slip. This will enable us to contact you, or a responsible adult nominated by you in the event of your child taking ill or an emergency situation arising at school. It is important that these records are kept up to date as any cancellation of after school clubs etc. will be made directly to you. Please note it is imperative to let the school know if your child cannot attend school for any reason.

School Web Site

To support the school's ethos of being environmentally aware we are giving you the option of receiving newsletters through the school website. However, if access to a computer is difficult for you to receive, a hard copy can be brought home to you by your child. I would therefore be grateful if you would complete the following form and return it to school ASAP. An e-mail will be sent to you to let you know when any newsletter is updated. The web site is also updated on a weekly basis so please check.

Garden Volunteers



We really need a few adults who will help keep the gardens and nature walk tidy. No previous knowledge necessary, nor commitment to a regular time and if it is after school children are welcome to come with their parents, providing they are supervised.

School Holidays and Closures for 2018-2019

Exceptional Closure Monday 29 th and Tuesday 30 th October 2018	2 days
Halloween Half Term Wednesday 31 st October – Friday 2 nd November 2018	3 days
Christmas Holidays Monday 24 th December 2018 – Thursday 3 rd January 2019	9 days
Exceptional Closure Friday 4 th January 2019	1 day
Half Term Monday 18 th February – Friday 22 nd February 2019	5 days
Easter Holidays Monday 15 th April – Thursday 25 th April 2019	9 days
Exceptional Closure Friday 26 th April 2019	1 day
May Day Monday 6 th May 2019	1 day
Bank Holiday Monday 27 th May 2019	1 day
Exceptional Closure Tuesday 28 th May 2019	1 day
School finishes Friday 28 th June 2019	

Yours sincerely,

M L Dunwoody

M L Dunwoody (Miss)

Principal

Consent Forms – September - November 2018



I consent to my child/children taking part in the following activities

Pupil Name(s) _____

Parent Signature _____



YES

NO

I wish my child/children to take Milk Number taking milk _____

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P3/P4 VISITS TO ANTRIM LIBRARY

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I CAN HELP WITH TRANSPORT ON VISITS TO ANTRIM LIBRARY

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PE KELLS P1-P4

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SWIMMING P5-P7

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WOODWIND/BRASS – wish to continue or start lessons

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PIANO/SINGING – wish to continue or start lessons

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VIOLIN – wish to continue or start lessons

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GOOD NEWS CLUB P1-P7

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FOOTBALL CLUB P1/P7

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P1/P2 AUTUMN WALK P1/P2

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HARVEST ASSEMBLY – Permission to transport your child if you are unable to do so

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VOLUNTEERS – indicate if you are available to help with school activities

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PHOTOGRAPHS

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TRANSPORTING PUPILS – Parents willing to transport to activities if required

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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – e-mail address _____ ☐ ☐

SCHOOL RULES – please sign _____ ☐ ☐



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Pupil Details and Emergency Contact Information



Child/Children's Name(s) _____ DOB _____

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Parents/Guardians Name(s) _____

Address _____

_____ Post Code _____

Home Tele. No. _____ Mums Mobile No. _____

Dads Mobile No. _____

E-mail address _____

Mums Work Tele No. (including extension) _____

Dads Work Tele No. (including extension) _____

Emergency Tele. No. and relationship to child for use in the event that parents cannot be contacted.

Doctors Name, Health Centre and Tele. No. _____



Any allergies or medical conditions your child/children may suffer from.

If your child takes medication for any medical condition that will require administering during school, please give details and insure you complete appropriate forms in the school 'Policy for Pupils with Medication Needs'.



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School Rules

Safety Rules

1. No pupil is to arrive at school before 9.00am as no supervision is provided before then.
2. No pupil is to go on to the road to retrieve a ball unless supervised by an adult.
3. No pupil is to go through the gate at home time until the vehicle collecting him/her has arrived.
4. There is to be no fighting in the playground. Report any problem to the supervisor or teacher.
5. No pupil is to sit or stand on the wall.

Attendance Rules

1. Pupils must be in school for 9.15am
2. When school is on, pupils must attend, unless hindered by sickness or bereavement.
3. An explanation for absence should be made to the Principal by note or telephone call on the day of the absence before 10.00am.

Health and Hygiene Rules

1. Litter must be put in a bin and not dropped on the ground.
2. Leave the toilet clean, and wash hands after using it.

Classroom and Playground Rules

1. We all listen when the teacher, classroom assistant, supervisor or someone else is talking.
2. We all help to keep our classroom and playground tidy and attractive.
3. We all take care of equipment and toys.
4. When something gets broken or damaged it is reported to the teacher immediately by the pupil concerned.
5. We show respect and good manners to each other and to the teacher or supervisor.
6. We raise our hands when taking part in classroom discussions.
7. We try to do our best at all times.
8. We **WALK** in the classroom always.
9. We **NEVER** use bad language.
- 10 We do not bring a mobile phone to school.

Uniform

1. We wear our uniform every day unless there are exceptional circumstances.
2. Football shirts are **NOT** worn for any school activity.



September – November 2018

Week Beginning	Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
27 th August 2018	9.30-11.55am 10.00-11.45am 2.00-3.00pm 3.00-4.00pm 8.00-9.00pm	Exceptional Closure	No school dinners	No school dinners HOP	No school dinners	HOP
3 rd September 2018	9.30-11.55am 10.00-11.45am 2.00-3.00pm 3.00-4.00pm 8.00-9.00pm	HOP	P5-P7 Swimming	HOP		HOP
10 th September 2018	9.30-11.55am 10.00-11.45am 2.00-3.00pm 3.00-4.00pm	P1-P4 PE Kells HOP	P5-P7 Swimming Good News P1-P2 Good News P4-P7	HOP	P3/4 Antrim Library Football P2-P3 Football P4-P7	HOP
17 th September 2018	9.30-11.55am 10.00-11.45am 2.00-3.00pm 3.00-4.00pm 6.30pm 7.15pm 8.00pm	P1-P4 PE Kells P3/4 Parent Meeting P7 Parent Meeting P5/6 Parent Meeting	P5-P7 Swimming Good News P1-P2 Good News P4-P7	HOP P2 Parents Meeting	Football P2-P3 Football P4-P7	HOP
24 th September 2018	9.30-11.55am 10.00-11.45am 2.00-3.00pm 3.00-4.00pm 8.00-9.00pm	P1-P4 PE Kells HOP B of G Election PTA AGM	P5-P7 Swimming Good News P1-P2 Good News P4-P7	HOP	P1/P2 Autumn Walk Football P1-P3 Football P4-P7	HOP
1 st October 2018	9.30-11.55am 10.00-11.45am 2.00-3.00pm 3.00-4.00pm 8.00-9.00pm	P1-P4 PE Kells P1 stay until 2.00pm HOP	P5-P7 Swimming Good News P1-P2 Good News P4-P7	HOP	Football P1-P3 Football P4-P7	HOP
8 th October 2018	9.30-11.55am 10.00-11.45am 2.00-3.00pm 3.00-4.00pm 8.00-9.00pm	P1-P4 PE Kells HOP	P5-P7 Swimming Good News P1-P3 Good News P4-P7	HOP	P3/4 Antrim Library Football P1-P3 Football P4-P7	HOP
15 th October 2018	9.30-11.55am 10.00-11.45am 2.00-3.00pm 3.00-4.00pm 8.00-9.00pm	P1-P4 PE Kells Parent Interviews children go home at 2.00pm	P5-P7 Swimming Parent Interviews children go home at 2.00pm	Parent Interviews children go home at 2.00pm	Flu Injections Parent Interviews children go home at 2.00pm	Parent Interviews children go home at 2.00pm
22 nd October 2018	9.30-11.55am 10.00-11.45am 2.00-3.00pm 3.00-4.00pm	P1-P4 PE Kells HOP	P5-P7 Swimming Good News P1-P3 Good News P4-P7	HOP	OSM Collection Shoeboxes Football P2-P3 Football P4-P7	Harvest Assembly Scavenger Hunt School finishes 2pm
29 th October 2018	9.30-11.55am 10.00-11.45am 2.00-3.00pm	Exceptional Closure	Exceptional Closure	Halloween Holidays	Halloween Holidays	Halloween Holidays

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