



TOBERMORE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Calendar for November and December

Please take note of the dates below:

4th November – P7 pupils to Magherafelt High School (Wear PE uniform)

5th November – P1 and P2, **'Team Building'** at Glen Primary School – SET

6th November – Year 3 and Year 4, **'Knowing Me, Knowing You'** at Glen Primary School – SET

6th November – Final Milk Order

7th November – Health Challenge – Year 7 10:45am to 12:15pm and Year 5 and Year 6 1:00pm to 2:30pm

12th November Year 5, and 7 **'Resilience Workshop'** at Tobermore P.S. - SET

13th November – Klass Kids Assembly

14th November – Health Challenge – Year 5 and Year 6 - 1:00pm to 2:30pm.

18th November – PTA Meeting at 6:30pm

21st November – Health Challenge – Year 5 and Year 6 - 1:00pm to 2:30pm

21st November – Board of Governors Meeting

25th – 27th November Sustrans in Tobermore P.S. for 3-day course

4th December – Open Night at 6:00pm to 6:45pm

4th December – Supper with Santa at 7:00pm to 9:00pm

9th December – Christmas Performance (Morning – Time to be confirmed)

10th December – Christmas Performance (Evening – Time to be confirmed)

11th December – School Nurse Flu Vaccine

13th December - Pantomime at Millennium Forum to see Snow White.

Please note dates are subject to change.

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of our first half term in Tobermore Primary School. It has been a really busy time, with children taking part in lots of learning opportunities and having fun completing many different activities.

A special welcome to all the new Year 1 pupils and other new pupils, who have settled well in Tobermore Primary School this half term.

Thank you all for your continued support over the past two months and for all your kind words of welcome into the local community of Tobermore. Enjoy your well-earned rest and we will see you all on the 4th November 2019.

Many thanks,

Mr Cheevers

Free School Meals and Uniform Entitlement

If you feel that your child/children are entitled to Free School Meals or a Uniform Allowance, please contact Mrs Robb in the school office or use the link below.

<https://www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals-school-uniform-allowance>

SET Programme

Children in Years 5, 6 and 7 met up with Glen Primary School on Wednesday 16th October 2019 to take part in a workshop called **'Building Bridges.'**

The children were provided with opportunities to work with other children and develop their team work skills whilst completing tasks. Please check the website for pictures from this event.

Social Media Information

In an ever-changing world of technology and Social Media, it is vital that we are all provided with up to date information about online activity.

Please use the information and documents on our School Website to help educate your children about Internet Safety.

This information can be found on

PARENT INFORMATION → INTERNET SAFETY FOR PARENTS

Tennis with Andrew

A huge thank you to Andrew from Tennis Play NI, for coming in for the past few Tuesdays and taking children from P3 to P7 for Tennis Club. The children really enjoyed learning new skills and having fun taking part in all the different games.

Website and Schools NI App

Please continue to use Tobermore Primary School Website to keep up to date with events that are happening in school. For example, you can gain information about PTA, your child's classroom or any activities from our Shared Education schools.

<https://www.tobermoreps.com>

Additionally, our website has a calendar with up to date information about events in school. Can I also encourage all parents to download the School NI App? This will help to make it easier for you to keep up to date with new posts on our Notice Board.

Absent notes

If your child is absent from school for any reason, please can you complete an **'Absent Form'** and return it to your child's teacher. These can be downloaded from the website or a copy can be collected from your child's teacher. Attendance is a key part of school life; therefore, it is very important to attend school as good attendance is crucial in raising standards in education and ensuring that every child can have full access to the school curriculum and reach their full potential.



Child Protection/Safeguarding

Please remember that if you have any concerns about your own child or another child outside school, you should share these concerns with **Mrs Smyth** (Designated Teacher for Child Protection and Safeguarding), **Mrs Speers** (Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection and Safeguarding) or **Mr Cheevers**.

School Timing

Pupils are expected to arrive at school between 8:50am and 9:00am. All children must be in school by the second bell at 9:00am. Children will not be supervised before 8:50am, so it is important that children are not left alone by parents on school grounds.

Children attending Breakfast Club will be allowed to enter school from 8:20am.

PTA

Our PTA has met twice this half term and have been planning events for 2019/20. Keep an eye on their page of the website for new events. Tobermore Primary School has already benefitted from the generous donations of novels from parents. A huge thank you to the PTA for organising these donations.

Our PTA members are;

Chairperson: - Lois Kane **Treasurer:** - Claire Moore **Secretary:** - Keith Quigley **Teacher Representative:** - Mrs Smyth

Other Members: Kaye Purvis Muriel McCarroll Jill Walker
Karen Montgomery Barbara Leacock Justyna Gawel

If you are interested in helping out with the PTA, please contact one of the members above.

If any parents still have books that they would like to donate, please leave these with Mrs Robb in the school office.

Poppy Appeal

You will be able to support the Poppy Appeal by making donations from Monday 4th November 2019. Children can buy the following;

Zip Pull - 50p Reflector – 50 p Silicon Wristband - £1.00 Snap Band: £1.50 Poppy – 50p

Pantomime

This year the children from Tobermore Primary School will be attending the Millennium Forum to watch Snow White on 13th December 2019. The PTA are kindly funding the cost of transport so parents will be asked to pay for their child's ticket. Each child will have to pay £ for admittance into the show.

Assembly Dates

6 th November – Reverend Ryan McKee	13 th November – Klass Kids	20 th November – Yvonne Lennox
27 th November – Yvonne Lennox	4 th December – Emma from CEF	11 th December – Yvonne Lennox
18 th December – Pastor Dundas		

School Uniform

School Uniform reminder: -

Boys A blue polo-shirt, a navy sweatshirt with crest and navy trousers;

Girls A blue or navy polo-shirt, a navy sweat shirt with crest, navy trousers, a navy skirt or pinafore and white or navy socks;

P.E. Kit A blue polo-shirt and navy (unlabelled) tracksuit bottoms or navy (unlabelled) shorts.

Tracksuit Bottoms and shorts can only be worn on P.E. days for children in P3 to P7.

The school is very proud of its children; it is proud to see them in school uniform and insists that all children wear it every day.

All pupils are permitted to wear plain navy trousers only.

Your child will not be allowed to wear tracksuit bottoms with logos on them.

***** Please also ensure that all parts of school uniform are labelled with your child's name *****

Swimming Dates

The dates for swimming for next half term are: -

8/11/19 15/11/19 22/11/19 29/11/19 6/12/19

There will be no swimming on the 13th December due to the pantomime at Millennium Forum.

A note will be sent out in November regarding payment and volunteers to accompany Years 5, 6 and 7 to Greenvale Leisure Centre.

Dinner Money Reminder

Please remember that Dinner Money is **£2.60** per day. Dinner Money should be paid at the start of the week if possible.