

# TOBERMORE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Calendar for March and April

Please take note of the dates below:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Scripture Union – 3pm – 4pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> March – Shared Education with St Columbus Primary School for Year 5, 6 and 7
- 4<sup>th</sup> March – Ulster Scots Workshop – 3pm - 4pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> March – Netball Club – 3pm – 4pm
- 6<sup>th</sup> March – Year 5, 6 and 7 Meadowbank – Fit for Life
- 10<sup>th</sup> March – Scripture Union – 3pm – 4pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> March – Shared Education with St Columbus Primary School for Year 5, 6 and 7
- 11<sup>th</sup> March to 13<sup>th</sup> March – Travelling Book Fair in Tobermore Primary School
- 11<sup>th</sup> March – Ulster Scots Workshop – 3pm – 4pm
- 16<sup>th</sup> March – School Closed (Staff Development Day)
- 17<sup>th</sup> March – School Closed
- 18<sup>th</sup> March – Shared Education with St Columbus Primary School for Year 5, 6 and 7
- 18<sup>th</sup> March – Ulster Scots Workshop – 3pm – 4pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> March - We welcome Rev Ryan McKee to our assembly
- 18<sup>th</sup> March – Health and Wellbeing Night (PTA) @ 6:30pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> March – Netball Club – 3pm – 4pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> March – Year 5, 6 and 7 Meadowbank – Fit for Life
- 23<sup>rd</sup> March - Shared Education with St Columbus for Year 1 and 2
- 25<sup>th</sup> March - We welcome Pastor Alan Dundas to our assembly
- 25<sup>th</sup> March – Ulster Scots Workshop – 3pm – 4pm
- 26<sup>th</sup> March – Netball Club – 3pm – 4pm
- 26<sup>th</sup> March – Board of Governors Meeting
- 30<sup>th</sup> March - Shared Education with St Columbus for Year 3 and 4
- 1<sup>st</sup> April – Ulster Scots Workshop – 3pm – 4pm
- 1<sup>st</sup> April – We welcome Emma from CEF to our Assembly.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Netball Club – 3pm – 4pm
- 6<sup>th</sup> March - Shared Education with St Columbus for Year 3 and 4
- 7<sup>th</sup> April – School Closed for Easter at 12pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> April School Reopens for Term 3
- 20<sup>th</sup> April - Shared Education with St Columbus for Year 1 and 2
- 21<sup>st</sup> April - SET Workshop - Minibeasts @ Parkanaur for Year 3 and 4
- 22<sup>nd</sup> April - Shared Education with St Columbus Primary School for Year 5, 6 and 7
- 27<sup>th</sup> April - Shared Education with St Columbus for Year 1 and 2
- 29<sup>th</sup> April - Shared Education with St Columbus Primary School for Year 5, 6 and 7
- 30<sup>th</sup> April - SET Workshop - Maths Trail @ Parkanaur for Year 5, 6 and 7

Dear Parents/Carers,

Please have a look at our January and February Newsletter and catch up on all the activities that have taken place over the last two months. Also, please take note of the different pieces of information to help you with some of the procedures in place in school.

As always, try to keep up to date with school events by looking at our website and finding out extra information. Once again, thank you for all of your support over the past two months.

*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 Year 3 and Year 4 took part in an ‘Active Kids’ workshop at Tobermore Primary School.

Children in Year 1 and 2 took part in a ‘People Who Help Us’ workshop at Tobermore Primary School.

Children in Year 5, Year 6 and Year 7 took part in a ‘Sporting Diversity’ workshop at Glen Primary School.

All the children had lots of fun during these workshops and completed lots of fun activities. Have a look at our website to see all our photographs.

## 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**.

## Bee Safe

Year 7 pupils attended the Bee Safe event at St Swithin’s Parish Hall, Magherafelt on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February. During this event the children took part in a lot of activities, including learning about stranger danger, internet safety and the role of all the different emergency services.

## School Nurse (Year 1)

The school nurse visited the school visited our Year 1 pupils on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> February.

## Scripture Union

Mrs Speers and Mrs Yvonne Lennox have been taking children from Year 3 to Year 7 for Scripture Union on Tuesday afternoons. The children have been learning all about the Bible, playing games, doing crafts and singing songs. A huge thank you to both ladies for making this club so much fun.

## Dominos Trip

The children in Year 5, 6 and 7, enjoyed two visits to Dominos in Magherafelt. During their visits they were able to find out all about the different aspects of running Dominos. Children found out about how to order pizzas, how to make a box for their pizza and also how to make their own pizza. A huge thank you to all the staff in Dominos for having our children in their store and thank you for our delicious pizzas.

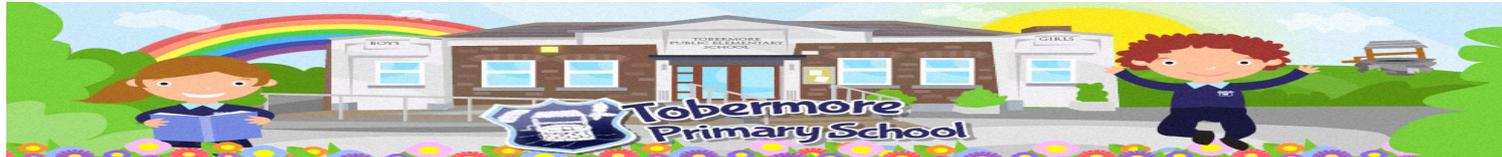
## School Uniform

**PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD HAS A WARM/WATERPROOF COAT WITH THEM AT ALL TIMES.**

## Magherafelt High School Visit

Mr Cheevers was invited to Magherafelt High School along with other local Principals to meet up with past pupils from their respective schools. It was great to meet with Reece Wallace, who is enjoying his time in Magherafelt High School.

*Please note dates are subject to change. Please keep checking our calendar on the School Website for new events.*



**PTA**

Our PTA have held one meeting per month and are continuing to organise events for the remainder of the year. If you can be of any support to our PTA, please look at the website and get in contact with some of the members to see how you can help.

The PTA are now registered with Easy Fundraising, which means you can help our PTA for FREE. Over 4,000 shops and sites will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! All you need to do is sign up and remember to use easyfundraising whenever you shop online. It's easy and completely FREE! These donations really mount up, so please sign up to support us at

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/tobermoreprimarypta/?utm\\_campaign=raisemore&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=en-n1](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/tobermoreprimarypta/?utm_campaign=raisemore&utm_medium=email&utm_content=en-n1)

Here is the link for website <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/tobermoreprimarypta/>

**Ulster Scots**

Ulster Scots sessions have been running from Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February, involving a lot of different workshops. The children have been really enjoying the different activities and there are more to come in March. Please see the timetable below to keep up to date with times, dates and workshop information.

Date	Activity	Tutor
4/03/20	Drama	Theatre Without Walls
11/03/20	Scottish Country Dance	Clayre Evans
18/03/20	Ulster Scots Language	Gary Blair
25/03/20	Story Telling	Steve Lally
1/04/20	Bagpipes	William Wallace

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**NIFRS Visit**

Terry from Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service spent some time with the children in Key Stage 2, explaining the importance of fire safety in the home and how to prevent fires. This was an extremely worthwhile visit to the school and the children really enjoyed listening to all the advice that was given.

**Year 7 Pupil – Entrance Exam Success**

Congratulations to Elle Hawthorne in Year 7 who achieved an A in her Entrance Exam. All of the pupils in Year 7 have now returned their Post Primary Admissions and now are waiting to find out their new school in May.

**House Points**

Please take a look at our 'House Points' on our school website. Each pupil in school will receive points for lots of different activities to accumulate points for their house. There will be winning 'House' at the end of each term and a trophy presented at the end of each year to the overall winner. Keep up to date with the points at the end of each week to see who is leading the way.

**Competition Winners**

A huge thank you to Mr Keith Quigley (Secretary of Tobermore PTA), who entered Tobermore Primary School into a competition to win Uhlspor footballs. Our school was successful in winning the competition Mr Cheevers and children from KS2 were presented with the footballs by Andrew Johnston (NI Football League) and Brian Hutchinson (Uhlspor).

**Meadowbank – Fit for Life**

Pupils in Year 5, 6 and 7 have been attending Meadowbank on Friday mornings for a 'Fit for Life' programme. This allows them to take part in a variety of different sports and learn new skills.

**Assembly**

Thank you to all the ministers and speakers who have come into school to take Assembly, Rev. Ryan McKee, Yvonne Lennox, Pastor Dundas and Emma from CEF.

**Meetings with Teachers**

In Tobermore Primary School, we hold interviews every October for parents and guardians. These are compulsory for parents to attend. Due to Union Action short of strike, teachers will not be offering a second meeting, but we are willing to speak to any parent, at any time if they have a concern about their child's well-being, progress or work being completed in school

**P.E.**

Please ensure that children are not wearing jewellery in school. If children have their ears pierced, please make sure that the earrings are covered on PE days.

**Change of Dates for Holidays**

Tobermore Primary School will now be closed on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020 for VE Day and not Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020. Please take note of this change of date.