



Calendar for November and December

Please take note of the dates below:

1st November

- School opens after half term
- Transfer Club → 3:00pm – 4:00pm

2nd November

- Christmas Craft and Music Club → 3:00pm – 4:00pm

3rd November

- IFA Coaching
 - Mrs Hawthorne 1:10pm to 2:00pm
 - Mr Cheevers 2:05pm to 2:55pm
- Transfer Club → 3:00pm – 4:00pm

4th November

- Pastor Dundas
- Science Club Year 6 and Year 7 → 3:00pm – 4:00pm
- PTA Meeting @ 6:30pm

5th November

- Yr. 6 and Yr. 7 Swimming

8th November

- Transfer Club → 3:00pm – 4:00pm

9th November

- Christmas Craft and Music Club → 3:00pm – 4:00pm

10th November

- IFA Coaching
 - Mrs Hawthorne 1:10pm to 2:00pm
 - Mr Cheevers 2:05pm to 2:55pm
- Shoe Boxes returned to school.
- Transfer Club → 3:00pm – 4:00pm

11th November

- School Nurse Flu Vaccinations
- Emma Reid (CEF)
- Science Club Year 6 and Year 7 → 3:00pm – 4:00pm

12th November

- Yr. 6 and Yr. 7 Swimming

13th November

- GL Entrance Examination

16th November

- Christmas Craft and Music Club → 3:00pm – 4:00pm

17th November

- IFA Coaching
 - Mrs Hawthorne 1:10pm to 2:00pm
 - Mr Cheevers 2:05pm to 2:55pm

18th November

- Reverend Boyd
- Science Club Year 6 and Year 7 → 3:00pm – 4:00pm

19th November

- Yr. 6 and Yr. 7 Swimming
- Cash for Clobber final day

23rd November

- Christmas Craft and Music Club → 3:00pm – 4:00pm

24th November

- IFA Coaching
 - Mrs Hawthorne 1:10pm to 2:00pm
 - Mr Cheevers 2:05pm to 2:55pm

25th November

- Reverend Diffin
- Science Club Year 6 and Year 7 → 3:00pm – 4:00pm
- Board of Governors' Meeting @ 7:00pm

25th, 26th, 27th and 28th November

- Christmas Story @ Kilcronaghan Parish Church

26th November

- Yr. 6 and Yr. 7 Swimming

TOBERMORE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

First, can I thank you all for your continued support over the past 2 months. Slowly and surely, we are getting back to some form of normality in our school community and this is down to the hard work and dedication of our school staff, our pupils and indeed you as parents. We must continue to maintain these standards to keep everyone safe.

The past two months have been a very busy and your children, no doubt have been keeping you informed with all the activities going on in school. We have an equally busy second part of Term 1 and are looking forward to the festivities of Christmas and the fun and excitement that this brings.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to welcome our new Year 1 pupils and new families to Tobermore Primary School. You have all settled in extremely well and we hope you are enjoying your time in our wonderful school.

Please continue to check out our school website and school Facebook page to keep up to date with all that is going on in Tobermore Primary School.

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>

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**.

Pupil of the Month Awards and Other Certificates

Pupil have received their September and November 23e Pupil of the Month Awards. Additionally, we have also handed out certificates for children who have been performing well in Nessy, Studyladder and Accelerated Reading. All the staff are so proud of all our pupils who have achieved success by gaining any of these certificates. Well done!

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club begins at 8:20am every morning and costs **80 pence** per day.

School Dinners

Please remember to check the website for our November Dinner Menu.

All dates are subject to change and additional event will be added over the next few months.



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2nd December

- Emma Reid (CEF)

3rd December

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8th December

- IFA Coaching
- Mrs Hawthorne 1:10pm to 2:00pm
- Mr Cheevers 2:05pm to 2:55pm

10th December

- Pantomime Trip to Millennium Forum

17th December

- Yr. 6 and Yr. 7 Swimming

22nd December

- School closes @ 12:00pm for all pupils for Christmas Holidays

All dates are subject to change and additional event will be added over the next few months.

Bike to School – Sustrans

Well done to all the children who took part in our Bike to School activity organised by Sustrans. Also, thank you to Mrs Hawthorne for organising the event in school.

Cancer Focus NI

Emma Keys from Cancer Focus NI, came into school to acknowledge the amount of money raised by Tobermore Primary School and thank the children. The amount raised was £535. Amazing effort everyone.

School Website and Facebook

Please keep up to date with any new information and news over the school year via our online platforms, our school website and Facebook page.

Engage Programme

Mrs Smyth has been heading our Engage Programme funded by the EA. This is helping support groups of children in Year 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 with aspects of Literacy.

Christmas Craft and Music Club

The pupils and staff have been working hard to help create displays for 'The Christmas Story' at Kilcronaghan Parish Church. Each display will depict a Christmas Carol, which the children will also be performing. The dates for this display are **25th, 26th, 27th and 28th November**. Many thanks to all the children for staying behind and working so hard on these displays and for Mrs Speers and Mrs Hawthorne for their support and guidance throughout the process.

Cash for Clobber and Shoe Box Appeal.

Our Eco Committee and Mrs Hawthorne sent home information before Half Term in relation to our Cash for Clobber initiative. All you must do is take the time to fill a bag or more of clothes for this wonderful charity. The last date for bringing in your bin bags full of clothes is **Friday 19th November**.

We have also sent out a request for our Sarmatian's Purse Shoe Box appeal. Please ensure you have your shoe box in by **Wednesday 10th November**. Many thanks for your support with both these appeals.

Science Club

A huge thank you to Miss O'Neill for taking our Science Club for Year 4 and 5 pupils on a Thursday afternoon. The children have really enjoyed learning lots of new things and completing simple experiments to show how elements of science works.

Crossing Patrol – Mr Bradley

Just a quick reminder to keep the space between the school gates free of cars. This is to allow Mr Bradley room to be seen and stay safe. Additionally, this allows Mr Bradley to help your children safely cross the road. Please keep this in mind when coming to collect your children.

PTA

Tobermore Primary School PTA AGM occurred on Thursday 16th September. The following were voted on as office bearers

Chairperson: - Lois Kane

Treasurer: - Claire Moore

Secretary: - Keith Quigley

Our PTA hold 4 – 5 meetings per year 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 next meeting is Thursday 4th November @ 6:30pm.**



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

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

Visitors to School

We have been pleased to welcome in Pastor Dundas, Reverend Boyd and Emma Reid from CEF, to take class assemblies over September and October. We are looking forward to welcoming Reverend Diffin into school in November. The pupils in each class have enjoyed the messages from the scripture.

Healthy Hearts – Sustrans

It was great to welcome Richard from Sustrans back into school during October. He put the children through their paces and showed them the advantages of active travelling to school. We look forward to seeing more of Richard this year.

Shared Education Artwork

In June 2021, as part of our Shared Education Programme, we had the pleasure of working with a local artist Diane McCormick. Diane came into school and created wonderful pieces of artwork using materials with the theme of nature. The collages were then scanned onto a computer, printed out and covered in Perspex. Today Diane and her husband came to school to display the final pieces of art at the entrance of our school. We are so pleased with the final pieces of work and want to thank all our children, staff and Diane for completing this wonderful part of our Shared Education Programme.

New Plants and Flowers

Thank you to Alison Drennan from Beechfield Flower Farm, for organising the lovely arrangements in our planters at the front of our school. They look beautiful and help brighten up the front of the school.

School Uniform

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 *****

Boys	Girls	PE Kit
A blue polo-shirt A navy sweatshirt with crest Navy trousers	A blue polo-shirt A navy sweatshirt with crest Navy trousers, a navy skirt or pinafore White or navy socks	A blue polo-shirt Navy (unlabelled) tracksuit bottoms or navy (unlabelled) shorts Tracksuit Bottoms and shorts can only be worn on P.E. days

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

If for any reason that your child is unable to wear full school uniform or PE uniform to school, a note must be given to your child's teacher with an explanation.

Wellbeing Day

Many thanks for your support with our Wellbeing Day on Friday 8th October. This was a wonderful acknowledgement of the difficulties over the past few year faced by members of our school community.

If you wish to check on any of the events that have been mentioned in our newsletter, please check our school website or our Facebook page.