

ORRITOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

January / February / March 2018

Nursery and Primary One - APPLICATIONS 2017/18

Application forms for places in P1 and Nursery Unit closed at noon on 11th January. Parents will be informed in due course of their placement. There has been an unprecedented number of applications this year for Nursery.

Stage One of *Nursery* applications (for 3 year olds, essentially) ends on **26 April**, so parents of those children who have been accepted will be notified then. Other 3 year olds who are unplaced will have to wait until **8 June**, as will 2 year olds who may have applied.

Primary 1 parents will be sent out notification on **26 April** also.

PARENT INTERVIEWS –

12th – 14th February for all classes

Verbal reports / interviews with other class teachers will be held. Arrangements for these will be sent out at the end of January. School will close early (1pm) that whole week. **There are NO BUSES available so parents should make suitable arrangements to collect their children at 1 pm..**

These meetings are designed to give a brief indication of how pupils have progressed and supplement the information given in October. Please allow 15mins max. for each report.

Nursery unit.

Parents will receive an invitation for appointments on **12th – 14th February** and again, we would ask that they arrive punctually and try to keep within the allotted time (10-15 mins). The Nursery Unit will close early (1pm) that whole week.

SWIMMING

This term it is the turn of Mr. Millington's P6 class to go swimming. A weekly contribution of £3 is requested to help offset the cost of this activity.

Commences 19th January – 23rd March.

P5 begin 13th April - 8th June

SCHOOL CLOSURES :

Parent Interviews week 12th – 14th February inclusive ; school closes at 1.00pm for all children.

Buses available.

February Half term – Thursday 15th, - Mon 19th inclusive. Return Tues 20th.(inc staff training day)

March Monday 19th March

Easter – close 11am Wed 28th March – opens Wednesday 11th April at 9am. (incl staff training day)

May - Mon 7th (Bank Holiday) plus 28th, 29th, 30th - Bank Holiday (and staff training).

Finishing on 29th June 2017

Dungannon Music & Drama Festival

We will be entering any children for the Drama section of the festival – and we hope to also enter our choir. At present we hope rehearsals for the choir / choral speaking group will be during school hours but it may depend on the make up of the group - these groups *may* also have rehearsals after school nearer the festival. Please encourage your child to participate. More details later.

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AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Netball - Blitz on 2 February in Cookstown. Training sessions Wed 10,17, 24,31 Jan + 7th Feb

Hockey. TBA Details to follow

CEF

Gymnastics – starting 15th– 5th Feb P3/2 group; then 26th Feb - 26th March P1/2 group 1.45 – 2.45pm
- P4 -7 group- All 8 weeks 2.45 – 3.45pm

SCHOOL TRIP - All monies for the trip to Scotland, 23rd – 26th April, must be paid by January 26th 2018.

Bad weather Closures –I would like to remind everyone of the arrangements for bad weather and possible school closure.

- We have a new texting service to parents – so please ensure that we have your correct mobile number. If you did not receive messages before Xmas then contact the school.
- We will also try to get messages on to our school website – if possible for staff to do so from home.
- We would also remind parents that if there is no bus in the morning and they leave their children to school, they must also collect them at the end of the day.
- On days when it starts to snow after the children come to school, we may have to close to allow buses to get children left home before the road conditions deteriorate. We would ask parents to keep in contact with the school to keep abreast of developments.

Piping and Drumming

Classes resume on Friday 12th January – 9th March. There are 8 sessions so the total cost for this will be £20, payable either before or on the first session on the 12th.

Healthy Break – The very popular break time snacks have started again with items being provided by the kitchen staff at a cost of 30p per item.

Contact Numbers

If you have changed your mobile phone number recently, changed jobs, or have different contacts for emergency use, let us know. An email address may be useful too.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

The photographer is booked to come to school on **Monday 22nd January**.

All parents with smaller or older children who want a family or individual photograph should come at 8.50 am.

All the children in school will be photographed *individually and in Family groups unless we receive written notice from parents indicating otherwise.*

Mobile Phones / ‘Smart’ Watches in School – Children may have received mobile phones / ‘smart’ watches for Christmas. Parents and pupils are reminded that if brought to school they must be turned off (disabling all functions) on the school premises unless given the permission of a member of staff to use them. **Ideally they should be left at home.**

Loss, damage or theft of phones is not the responsibility of the school.