



EBRINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

November 2020 Newsletter

A warm welcome back to school after our half term break. The next seven weeks will certainly be a busy time in school with all the classroom work being joined by the build up to the Christmas season.

Morning drop off/ afternoon pick up

Thank you to all those who have taken note on wearing masks while dropping pupils off to school-it is much appreciated to see your continued support! The wet weather recently has brought additional challenges to the shale pitch surface. Grounds maintenance staff are repairing a number of potholes that have developed and are also laying a temporary pathway at the pedestrian entrance back in to the shale pitch. Could I ask you all to please drive slowly and carefully on the pitch, particularly as we enter the stage of darker mornings. It is also likely that we will see some frosty/ icy mornings, so please ensure to take extra care on the pathways.

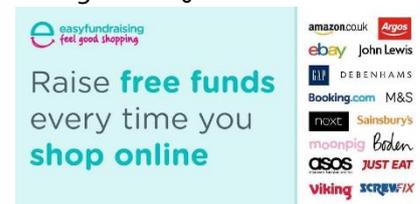
EASYFundraising Toolbar/App

With 50 days until Christmas, you may be starting to shop. 🎁👤🎄

? Did you know that when you shop online you could be raising money for Ebrington PS?

IT PAYS TO SHOP ONLINE!

www.easyfundraising.org.uk is a great way to raise money for Ebrington PS. It is an online search engine offering over 2,500 retailers for you to shop with. For each and every purchase you make through easyfundraising, they will donate money to our school.



STEP 1: Go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk, register your name and

select 'Ebrington Primary School-Londonderry' as your chosen school to support.

STEP 2: When you shop online use the easyfundraising website first. Click on the retailer that you want to shop with and choose whatever you would like to buy. The price of the item(s) is exactly the same as if you'd visited the retailer directly.

STEP 3: After you have been shopping and made your purchases, the retailer will donate a percentage of the sale to Ebrington PS as a thank you for shopping with them.

STEP 4: It doesn't cost you anything extra. It is the retailer that pays the donation to our school.

STEP 5: Happy Shopping!

We currently have a small number of parents using this app. It is a very simple way to make a contribution to school funds, with no additional costs to you. As you know 'Every Little Helps'.

School Enrolment

Information on the procedures for school admissions in September 2021 should be available on the EA website eani.org.uk/parents/admissions mid- December 2020 for Pre-school/Primary 1 places and for post-primary places (Year 8 entry). This means parents making the application directly to EA, without involvement of school, for Nursery and Year 1. School are currently updating criteria to send back to EA for Nursery and Year 1 admissions. The dates given for the application process for primary and nursery schools currently is that it will go live on the EA website on the 7 January 2021, with a closing date for applications on 29 January 2021.

School Flu Vaccine

REMINDER: The school health team will be visiting school on **Thursday 26th November** to give the nasal flu vaccine to all pupils who have returned the brown envelope to school with the required information.

PTA Events

PTA fundraising events will look very different this year, due to covid-19. We are very unlikely to be able to run any of our previous events in the same way. Some members of the PTA and school staff are currently discussing how best manage events. We are very conscious that Covid 19 has had, and continues to have, a negative impact on many of our local businesses and we recognise many will not be in a position to help and support us in the way they previously have.

We do plan to operate our Christmas Card design for the pupils again. A letter and drawing sheet with all the necessary information will go home on Monday 9 November.

Remember, The Ebrington PTA are a vital team in helping raise much needed funding for school in this current climate-any activities planned or money raised through events goes back in to assist school in giving the pupils a positive experience while at Ebrington.

School Cashless System

Hopefully, all parents have found the school cashless system useful in booking dinners for pupils. Now that we have the system operating for a number of weeks, it seems to be working better. However, this week, there have been a large number of phone calls needing made by the office staff to remind parents to book the dinners. **Both paying and FSM pupils need to have the dinner booked on the system before 11:59pm on the day before it is required.**

School RESTART/ After Schools

We are still continuing to **finish on a Friday at 2: 00 pm for the whole school** for the remainder of this term. We will review this arrangement towards the end of December.

We hope to be in a position to operate our ASC service for P1 & P2 pupils soon, Monday-Thursday, where the option is there to stay on until 3:00pm at a cost of £2.50. We know, having surveyed these parents in September, this would be something that would be very much appreciated at this time.

We had planned to have this in place in October but, unfortunately at that time, we had 13 staff off and a number of bubble closures and we simply were not in a position to proceed. Obviously, if a similar scenario were to develop this half-term, we may find it impossible to operate. We thank you for your consideration and patience with this.

Anti-Bullying Week 2020: United Against Bullying

The theme for Anti-Bullying Week 2020 is: United Against Bullying. Anti-Bullying Week will happen from Monday 16th - Friday 20th November and will start with 'Odd Socks Day' on Monday 16 November, to mark the first day of Anti-Bullying Week.

