



EBRINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

September 2021 (2) Newsletter

Northern Ireland Centenary Fun Day

We had a fun afternoon on Thursday 23 September, with all our pupils from P1-P7 having time on the Full Swing equipment. It was also lovely to see some of our pupils from the direct local community come back to school between 4:00-6:00pm for more fun. A big

THANK YOU must go to Linda Watson and the Caw/

Nelson Drive Action Group, whose funding application helped fund a good part of this event.



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Ebrington Primary School

Covid 19 cases

As the school year progresses, it is likely that we will continue to have positive COVID cases in school, just as we are likely to have vomiting bugs, colds and coughs, etc. On 10 September, PHA assumed responsibility for 'Contact Tracing' and redefined the 'School Contact' as:

- Someone who stayed in the same household as an infected person overnight
- Someone who had intimate contact with an infected person overnight
- Someone who was on a school trip overnight with an infected person
- Someone who provided or received personal care from an infected person

As I know we have a number of families/ staff with clinically vulnerable/ extremely vulnerable family members at home, I will make contact with the members of a particular class where a positive case is made known to me, via letter and by text. Pupils within that class group should continue to attend school unless they have symptoms or you, as parent, wish to book a PCR test due to your own personal circumstances at home.

Car Park

Again, I wish to pass on a huge THANK YOU to so many of you who have followed our updated guidance with regards parking off site. I know it places additional pressures of time in the morning for many families, but it has been fantastic to see the vast majority of parents keeping the lower area free for drop offs, pedestrians, staff cars, taxis and those with mobility issues who have previously contacted school-both in the morning and afternoon. Please continue to follow this guidance.

Queen's Jubilee Tree Planting

We are delighted to confirm that we have been selected by the Lord Lieutenant of the County Borough of Londonderry as the primary school within the area through the Queen's Green Canopy Initiative. We look forward to welcoming the Lord Lieutenant on 12 October for the official tree planting. We plan to develop a garden area at the front of school to commemorate this event, and also link to the Northern Ireland Centenary.



Friends of Ebrington PTA

We plan to hold our first Friends of Ebrington PTA meeting via Zoom, week beginning 11 October (date & time TBC). If any of our new parents would like to join the PTA, or put themselves forward as part of our 'Helping Hands' group for larger events, then please leave your name and details with the school office and our Chairpersons, Mrs L Dunne, can make contact with you.

Parent Interviews

Our first set of parent interviews will be happening in school/ remotely soon.

Primary 7 teachers are meeting all parents over the course of two weeks, 27 September-8 October.

Primary 1-6 teachers are meeting all parents who have pupils on IEPs during the week beginning Monday 11 October.

Nursery teacher/ parent meetings are being held in November, once all pupils are well settled. Staff will provide dates nearer the time.

Speech & Language teachers are holding their meetings this week, beginning 27th September, and have made direct contact with those parents.

Upcoming school dates:

Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th October-school photographer-all pupils

Tuesday 12th October-Queen's Green Canopy official tree planting

Wednesday 13th October-Developmental Language Disorder Day (for our speech & language pupils)

Monday 25th-Friday 29th October (inclusive)-School closure for half term

Monday 22nd November-Flu vaccinaion programme