



EBRINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

November 2024 Newsletter

Anti-Bullying Week

Next week will be national Anti-Bullying Week throughout the UK. The key message for this year is 'Choose Respect', reminding us to treat all with a great deal of respect, which is one of our core school values. Classes will be engaged in a number of activities during the week, highlighting key issues.



During the week, we will have our '**ODD SOCK DAY**' on **Tuesday 12th November**. Odd socks to be worn with uniforms.

Christmas in school

We are **delighted** to be looking forward to inviting parents and family in to school to various special events.



Foyle HUB Catering Christmas Tree decoration competition update-competition will be running again this year. More details to follow...get designing now!



Nursery Key Dates

Christmas dinner for the Nursery pupils on Friday 6th December. Christmas jumpers can be worn on this day.



****Please note, the online booking menu will not be seen as the Christmas Dinner Menu, but please ensure you book dinner for that day, if you want your child to have the Christmas dinner.****

A Nursery '**Christmas Rhyme Time**' will be held in the school hall on **Tuesday 10th December**. **Nursery 1 class, Mrs Dalzell, will have the big performance starting at 9:15am. Nursery 2 class, Miss Caithness, will have the big performance starting at 10:00am.** We look forward to welcoming a large audience for this.

School Key Dates

Christmas dinner for the Primary School pupils on Friday 6th December-menu will be coming out from Foyle Hub before the end of November, and a MS Forms will be sent to parents to book your menu choice.



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****N.B. Christmas jumpers can be worn on this day.****

Friday 6th December-Christmas dinner for staff. To help us facilitate all staff coming together in the school hall, we will close school for all pupils @ 1:15pm on this day-**there will be NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB.** Any payments already made will be refunded. I would like to thank parents for their support in this.

Week beginning Monday 9th December-Christmas Week in school. There will be a focus on the Christmas Story, as well as various crafts and activities to supplement learning. No homework will be set during this week.

Wednesday 11th December-Foundation Stage Christmas performance (P1 & P2), starting at 9:30 am-10:45 am approx.

Thursday 12th December-Key Stage 1 Christmas performance (P3 & P4), starting at 9:30 am-10:45 am approx.

Carol Service

We are delighted to, once again, have the return of our school carol service.

It will be held in Ebrington Presbyterian Church on Thursday 19th December, starting at 10:00 am. This is a lovely way to bring our festive celebrations to an end and we would extend a welcome to all of our Ebrington family to join us there.



Term ends on Friday 20th December @ 12 noon.

Christmas PTA Events

We are excited to announce the the PTA will be holding their annual Christmas raffle in December, with lots of great prizes on offer. Tickets will go out to families week beginning 4th December, with the draw taking place on Tuesday 17th December.

Christmas Movie Night

Also, during the last week, on Tuesday 17th December, 6:00pm & Thursday 19th December, 6:30pm, Friends of Ebrington PTA will be holding a 'Christmas Movie Night' in school. This will be a pre-bookable event, tickets charged at £2 per pupil, held in the school hall, where pupils will be able to come in their pyjamas and bring a pillow /blanket/teddy with them. They are also allowed to bring their water bottles with them and their own treats.



School start and finish times and school attendance

Thank you to everyone for doing their best to ensure pupils are in for school start time, at 8:50am. Classroom doors are locked after this time, and it puts considerable pressure on the front office at a busy time of the day, when pupils are brought to the front door. Please ensure your child attends school on time, as it also disrupts the start of the classroom routines when activities like going over homework/ reading/ spellings are completed.

We have the same families continually late-please make more of an effort to be on time!



Last year our overall school attendance sat between 93-94%. I would like to see an improvement in this, where we are above 96%. I would ask all parents to reconsider booking holidays during term time, as this has been on the rise and is having a significant effect on overall school attendance.

SEAG

Reminder to P7 pupils/ parents that the Entrance Assessments will be held on the following dates:
Saturday 16th November 2024
Saturday 23rd November 2024

We wish all our P7 pupils who are taking on these assessments the very best of luck. You have been working very well in school, so just do your best.

After School Club bookings

Parents-please remember to book your child for after school club and activity clubs at the correct time, to ensure we can have appropriate and safe levels of staff engaged.

Only in an emergency will a place be provided for a child, if no prior booking.



Dinner bookings

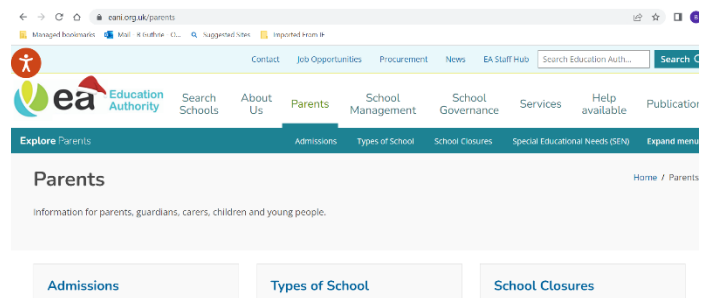
Please ensure dinner bookings are made by 11:59pm on the day prior to the dinner being requested..

Primary and Nursery Admissions January 2025

The EA Admissions 'portal' can be found at www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions, and will open for applications for both Ebrington PS and Ebrington NU from 10th-24th January 2025.

For parents new to this process, this means parents making the application directly to EA, without involvement of school. An account needs to be set up with the portal and can be done prior to 10th January.

School has recently updated admissions criteria and sent to the EA. These will be published on the EA Admissions Portal from Thursday 5th December 2024. The onus will very much be on parents to ensure they initiate the procedure. Children born between 2 July 2020 and 1 July 2021 will be due to start Primary One in September 2025, while children born between 2 July 2021 and 1 July 2022 will be due to start Nursery in September 2025.



School Photographs

School photographs were sent home on Wednesday 6th November. If you do not want the individual photograph of your child, please return to school before Wednesday 13th November. If you would like to purchase this photograph, please scan the QR code and payment can be made either online, or by bringing £10 in to school. Alternatively, if you would like further/ family photographs, a 20% discount will be applied for any additional ones.

