



Friday 27th September 2024

Key Reminders & Notifications

- **Good luck to the Kilrea Senior Ladies** who are playing in the football Final this evening at Owenbeg 07:30pm against Steelstown. We had a very successful Red/White day in school. We all wish you well and encourage lots of families to travel over the Glenshane tonight in ardent support. Thank you to Margaret and the canteen staff for a lovely celebratory lunch.
- **Week Beginning 30th September 2024 Dinner Menu 1.** All Dinner Menus & Associated Dates have been published on the Crossroads Website & Dojo for your convenience.
- **We have made the decision to move away from Parentmail** for reasons relating to cost and effective technical support. We will be moving to **PARENTPAY** which many of you will be familiar with already. This will be the last Weekly Notice that will go out on Parent Mail. The Weekly Notice will from next week be published on DOJO and the School Website only. Please stop as and from now putting money on Parentmail. Cash payments will be fine in the interim period. We will arrange any reimbursements as necessary. More information will follow in due course regarding PARENTPAY & set up. Thank you sincerely for your patience and understanding.
- **Breakfast Club** runs daily Monday-Friday beginning at 08:00. As the Drumagarner Road is scheduled to reopen the cost of Breakfast Club will return to £2 per child per day as and from Monday 30th September'2024. We offer a wide selection of cereals, toast, pancakes and juice. The cut off for breakfast is 08:15 in the morning. As you'll appreciate the breakfast assistants need to get tidied up and out to the yard for 08:30 to meet other children arriving at school and supervise as necessary. To avail of the full breakfast selection: Children must arrive at school between 08:00 and 08:15 in the morning.
- **Stay & Play** will be available Monday-Thursday from 2-3pm at a cost of £3.00 per child. No homework will be completed during Stay & Play as the P1 & P2 children are tired at 2pm and need a break.
- **Wraparound Care** will be available Monday-Thursday from 3pm-5pm at a cost of £6.00 per child for the two hours. Toast or biscuits and a glass of dilute will be served at 15:15; not to interfere with dinner routines. This timing will aid the seamless completion of homework tasks. All homework will be completed at Wraparound including spellings and reading. If a parent would like us to leave homework until hometime please send an email and let me know. A few children have said that their parents like to do homework activities at home...I'm not too sure about this one but feel free to get in touch if that's the case. As a working mummy it's a huge help in my house if the homework is sorted before I arrive home and embark on dinner and clubs. I'll monitor this with keen interest.
- **Homework followed by play will comprise a huge aspect of Wraparound Care.**
- When collecting your child from Stay & Play or Wraparound at 2pm or 5pm respectively please pick up the child at the entrance to the mobile at the rear of the school.
- In the event a parent is running late which happens the best of us from time to time, your child will be transferred to Stay & Play or Wraparound for safe supervision until collection is possible. Please collect the child at the entrance to the mobile at the rear of the school.
- There will be no Stay & Play or Wraparound care on Friday. Every Friday all children will go home and leave the site at 2pm.



- **Our First PTA meeting** is scheduled for Tuesday 1st October 2024 at 6pm in school. If any new parents would like to join the PTA we'd be most grateful. You would be made to feel very welcome indeed. Feel free to join us.
- **Transfer Club** will operate on Wednesday afternoon from 15:00-16:30. Mrs. Fleming will run this club and it is specifically for P7 children who intend sitting transfer in November 2024. Mrs. Lagan and Mrs. Marron will meet with the parents of each child who is registered for Transfer on Tuesday 22nd October 2024.
- **JEWELLERY** – Children may wear a watch & stud earrings only (no loop earrings). Children may wear a miraculous medal chain however it must be inside their school shirt at all times.
- A letter has been sent home today with P7 pupils regarding a **parish confirmation initiative**. We would encourage P7 parents to consider the proposal and help out if they can.
- Children may wear their PE clothes to school each Monday and Friday. This coincides with Skills School and Derry GAA coaching. I've attached the O'Neils Link if any parents would like to buy the school half zip. I need to get my own organised too.

New Customers

<https://oneills-orders.calashock.app/registration/8fca25ba702c2fb4a9041e42884774da-536b5afbe99270fd667cdf35c8cea5c3/>

Returning Customers

<https://clubhub.oneills.com/login.php>

- Monday 30th September 2024 – **School Photographer** will be on site from 09:00. Only children and siblings who attend Crossroads PS will be able to avail.
- Thursday 24th October 2024 – Hallowe'en School Disco Kilrea GAC Clubhouse P1-P7
- **Thursday 24th October 2024 – Opening School Mass for all children. Parents are welcome to attend. The Mass will be in St. Anne's Chapel in Kilrea at 10am. The Mass will be celebrated by Fr. McDermott who we are fortunate to have on our board of governors. Parents are asked to drop their children into the chapel for 09:45am. The school will arrange suitable transport back to the school. Further direction will follow in due course for children who travel to school on the bus. We look forward to opening the school year with you officially.**
- Friday 25th October 2024 – Hallowe'en Dress Up Day in School (Optional).
- School Closed from Monday 28th October 2024 – Friday 1st November 2024 for Hallowe'en recess.
- All children will return to school after Hallowe'en recess on Monday 4th November 2024.
- Kevin Brennan (Piano Teacher) is currently teaching piano within our setting every Thursday. Suitable for P3-P7 children at a cost of £10.00 per 20 minute session. If you would like your child to avail of lessons please contact Kevin directly on 07912287713 to arrange. Children should bring their money along to their session in a sealed envelope with their name on it or alternatively arrange a bank transfer to Kevin. The school will not collect or manage payment.
- Tommy Hopkins (Guitar Teacher) will begin teaching guitar within our setting every Thursday commencing Thursday 3rd October 2024. Suitable for P4-P7 children at a cost of £10.00 per 20 minute session. If you would like your child to avail of lessons please contact Tommy directly on



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- **P7 children will go Swimming** every Wednesday in Magherafelt under the supervision of Mrs. Fleming and Mrs. Cairns. The cost is £6.00 per child.