



# Roan St Patrick's Primary School

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Dear Parents,

## **Term 2**

I hope you all had a very restful Christmas, and I would like to wish you all a very happy new year. All children will return to school as normal tomorrow, Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January, with Breakfast Club at 8.00am for those who wish to avail of it.

Please ensure to complete the CCMS Consultation linked to an increase of our school enrolment number over the next few days before the window closes.

We have another busy term ahead with lots going on in the school. Please read the information below carefully. The school website calendar will be updated over the next week with updated PE/coaching days.

### **Walkers to and from school**

Please go over basic road safety with your children on a regular basis, especially for those who walk to and from school (this will be reinforced regularly in school). School staff do not have authorisation to stop traffic or be on the road to cross children in the morning or afternoons, so it is important that all children are well aware of how to cross the road safely. The school is currently applying to EA for a School Crossing Patrol survey which could lead to the employment of a lollipop person to be on duty during busy crossing times.

### **School Car Park**

It is imperative that all users of the school car park show due care and attention when coming to and from the school. Cars must follow the one-way system and drivers must park in the spaces on the periphery of the car park – connected to the footpath – and ask their children to remain on the footpath as they make their way to the school entrance. You may wish to use the drop-off zone for older children for a quick drop-off in the morning. Cars should not park in this zone at collection times (this includes the disabled parking spaces which can only be used by Blue Badge holders) as there is a high level of footfall during these times.

### **School Starting Times**

The school gates will close at 9.05am sharp every morning. It is imperative that all children are in school on time so that they do not miss important settling-in activities and reading. If your child is not attending Breakfast Club, they should not be on site before 8.45am (children attending Breakfast Club must be there by 8.30am if they wish to avail of breakfast).

### **Healthy Kidz Club**

The next Healthy Kidz Club block begins next week. If a session is sold-out online, please contact Healthy Kidz directly who will open extra spaces for your child/children.

### **School Photographer**

The photographer will be in school next Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January. Please ensure that your child is in full formal uniform on the day for individual, family and class portraits (parents are under no obligation to purchase any photographs – please contact the school if you wish to have a family portrait with younger siblings who are not yet enrolled in the school).

### **Cross Country**

P6&7 children will begin cross country training every Friday from next week (children will need old footwear or boots and gear for cold/mucky conditions).

### **French / Music / Irish**

Primary 1, 4 & 5 children will receive French Tuition this half term at a cost of £6 per child for the half-term. Primary 4-7 children will receive music tuition at a cost of £5 for the term. All payments can be made in a clearly labelled, sealed envelope. Primary 6&7 children will receive Irish Tuition this term (this is funded by the Mid Ulster Council).

### **New Primary 1 Application Process**

The online process to apply for Primary 1 places in September 2023 will begin on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January and will close on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January. I will post some information on the school website shortly to help support this and I am available to provide guidance at any time. Parents of prospective new families may wish to arrange a short tour of the school by contacting me at the school via email or phone ([smone720@c2kni.net](mailto:smone720@c2kni.net) – 02837548355).

Yours sincerely,

S Mone

Principal

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