



School App:

Please note that the School App is the primary means of communication within school and it is vital that you download it because in the event of an emergency or an emerging situation, this is how we will communicate with you.

The “App” which can be downloaded either by visiting the relevant App Store (Apple or Google) – see links below or by scanning the attached QR code.

Drumahoe Primary School App iTunes Links: <https://goo.gl/hQt1t2>
Drumahoe Primary School Google Play Link: <https://goo.gl/V6aQ6y>



Please download the App and get all the latest school information straight to your smartphone and/or tablet. The App is the main part of our communication system and as we are trying to use less paper, memos and messages will now appear on the app and not in paper form in your child’s school bag. That is why it is vital that you have access to the school app as the main source of information.

World Book Day:

World Book Day takes place this **Thursday (7th March 2024)**. We are asking that the children come to school dressed as a character from their favourite book on Thursday. There is no charge for this and if you have a look online you should get some good costume ideas without the expense of purchasing a costume.

School Photographer:

Cool for School Photos will be in school on **Friday 8th March** to take individual portraits, Preschool, P1 and P7 class photographs and family groups from within school. **Please ensure you have registered online before 7pm on Thursday** (use direct link <https://orders.coolforschoolphotography.com/register/?code=DRUMAHOE24> and enter the following code: DRUMAHOE24).

If you would like a photograph with siblings who are not enrolled in the school (either preschool or older children), then please register online using the eldest child’s name at school, come to the front of the school from 8.30 a.m. on Friday to wait in line for a photograph. This will be taken on a first come, first served basis.

P.E. Uniform:

Please ensure that all pupils adhere to the regulations for proper footwear and clothing for P.E. lessons. I would ask that you make sure your child has a white polo shirt, black shorts, plain black jogging pants/tracksuit bottoms and a change of gym slippers on their designated P.E. day. Predominantly black or white trainers **ONLY** should be worn to school on PE days. Earrings are not permitted, except for children with pierced ears, who may wear studs on those days when they do not have swimming or P.E. On swimming and P.E. days studs should not be worn.

Summer Uniform:

During next term (from 8th April) it is acceptable to wear Summer Uniform:

Girls - red gingham dresses that may be worn with official Drumahoe sweatshirt or the standard grey cardigan/jumper. White socks should also be worn.

Boys - white polo shirt that may be worn with official Drumahoe sweatshirt or the standard grey jumper (no need for a tie). Grey shorts can also be worn as opposed to the grey school trousers.

Passport & Driving Applications:

A friendly reminder that due to the increasing number of requests to complete these applications and the subsequent pressure on the admin staff in school, it was decided to levy an Administration Charge of £10.00 per Application Form for this service. The money collected is deposited into the Kids Forum Fund which the Class Reps will decide how best the money can be used to improve the school.

Hockey Blitz:

Two hockey teams will be representing the school at the Ulster Hockey Blitz on Friday 8th March. This is the third blitz of the season and it has been great to see how the children have been progressing with their skills. Many thanks to Jamee McCauley and Lizzy Allen for leading hockey after school.

Break the Rules Day:

The Kids’ Forum are organising a ‘Break the Rules Day’ on Friday 15th March. More details of what is involved will be provided by the Kids’ Forum early next week.

School’s Trampoline Competition:

We would like to wish the Briggs brothers (Benjamin, Thomas and Oliver) all the very best as they represent the school at the UK School Trampoline finals on 16th March in Telford, England. The boys have been training extremely hard over the course of the past few months and show a real dedication to their sport. We are excited to see how these extremely talented boys achieve and we are already very proud of them for reaching this stage of the competition.

“Developing the potential of everyone to the full, within a caring and stimulating environment.”



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Easter Holidays:

School will close at **noon on Friday 22nd March** for the Easter Holidays and will re-open for the Summer Term on **Monday 8th April 2024 at 8.45 a.m.**

Other Spring & Summer Term important dates:

- Monday 18th March 2024 – school closed for St. Patrick's Day
- Tuesday 23rd – Friday 26th April 2024 – P6 Trip to Gortatole
- Monday 6th May, Tuesday 7th May and Wednesday 8th May 2024 – school closed – Bank Holiday
- Tuesday 14th – Friday 17th May 2024 – P7 Trip to Edinburgh
- Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th May 2024 - school closed for the Whit Bank Holiday and Staff Development Day
- Wednesday 5th June – provisional date for Sports Day
- Thursday 20th June – Fun Night BBQ
- Friday 21st June – House cross-country event
- Friday 21st June – reports go home
- Thursday 27th June – P7 'Leavers Assembly' – provisional date
- Friday 28th June 2024 – School ends for summer at 12.00 p.m.

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Principal