



Fourtowns Primary School News 21 October 2024

**Parent/Teacher Interviews will take place Tuesday 22 October to Friday 25 October 2024.
All Pupils will finish at 1.15 pm on these days.**

**School will be closed from Monday 28 October to Friday 01 November for our half term break.
School will reopen on Monday 04 November 2024.**

PARENT INTERVIEWS

We will have our parent interviews from **Tuesday 22- Friday 25 October 2024**. School will finish at 1.15pm for all pupils.

FUNDRAISER

We are having a fundraiser in memory of Roy on **Friday 25 October**



2024 in aid of Northern Ireland Chest, Heart and Stroke.

Children can book a donut for break on ParentPay for £1 (an additional donation of up to a total of £5

can also be selected)

It is our hope that children can enjoy a sweet treat as they go into half term and also pause to remember some happy memories of Roy.
Kitchen breaks will not be available on this day.

OUR SCHOOL EXTENSION BUILD

We are delighted to monitor the impressive progress of our build and so excited to see the crane put on the roof trusses at the end of last week! Please check Facebook for the weekly class reports.



POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR

We have had to speak with p4-7 children about the standard of behaviour expected at After School Activities and in the playground.

We have also warned children that failure to meet these standards will result in withdrawal from the playground or after school activities.

We would appreciate it if you would reinforce this message at home.

FAMILY AND FRIEND' ASSEMBLIES



Thank you to all who came to see Primary 4's Harvest Assembly.

Photos can be viewed on Facebook.

MILK ORDERS

The next milk order will cover the period, **Monday 04 November to Friday 20 December** (TERM 1b) and we have calculated there will be 35 breaks served.

Pupils taking milk will pay £7.35 (35 days @21 p)
This will be set up as a payment item on Parent Pay. This is the only way in which orders can be placed.

It is very important you Order on Parent Pay by 10 am Wednesday 23 October.

Unfortunately, orders strictly cannot be placed after this deadline.

MATHS WEEK- 14 - 18 OCTOBER 2024!

Thank you to Mr Bevington for organising a fun packed week of Maths activities!

Photos can be viewed on Facebook!



SCHOOL FUND

School Fund has been agreed by the Board of Governors to contribute towards much needed school finances.

School Fund £10 per child, £5 each additional child in the same family. **We would ask that this is paid via ParentPay via by end of Term 1.**

TRANSFER PROCEDURE 2024/25

SEAQ 1 - Saturday 16 November at 10 am

SEAQ 2 - Saturday 23 November at 10 am

Results - Saturday 25 Jan 2025

ROTARY CLUB -CHRISTMAS HAMPERS FOR THE ELDERLY



We will again be helping to support the Ballymena Rotary Club with the hamper appeal for the elderly in the district.

Further details to follow.

The box will be located at the entrance to the Assembly Hall. We would ask each family to bring along at least one grocery item to the school from **Monday 04 November to Friday 29 November 2024.**

Some suggested items:-

Pasta	Tea Bags	Baby wipes/nappies
Pot Noodles	Coffee	Tissues and Towels
Rice	Tinned Fruit	Toothbrushes
Pasta Sauce	Sugar	Toothpaste
Tinned Vegetables	Custard	Shower gel
Baked Beans	Jelly/Jam	Face cloths
Tinned Soup	Children's selection boxes	Shampoo
Biscuits	Few 'luxuries', eg, mince pies	Combs/brushes
Fruit Juice/Drinks	Chocolates/Sweets	Soap
Porridge/Cereals	Tinned Meats	Deodorant

Please check the best by date is after Christmas.

*OPEN DAY FOR PROSPECTIVE NEW PUPILS 2025/6

We look forward to meeting prospective Primary 1 pupils for September 2025 and their parents/carers at our Open Day on **Wednesday 20 November 2024, 1.45-3.00 pm.** Please note that School will finish at 1.15 pm for P1 to P3 on this date.

Please complete the form below to register your interest in attending or phone the school office 028 2587 1370.

<https://forms.gle/rTQgpFWx7g1bwBf9>



ADVANCE NOTICE OF TERM 1 PROVISIONAL DATES - TERM

1.
CHILDREN IN NEED - Friday 15 November 2024

Wear your Onesie to school day!

OPEN DAY FOR PRIMARY 1 INTAKE SEPT 2025 - Wednesday 20 November 2024

Primary 1-3 children will finish at 1.15pm to facilitate Open Day.

COOL FOR SCHOOL PHOTOS - Friday 22 November 2024. (Information to follow after Half-Term.)

CHRISTMAS FAIR - Monday 2 December 2024

Santa has it in his diary and is very excited to come and see our boys and girls - Booking will operate via ParentPay as per last year!

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

We have provisionally pencilled in the following dates in the diary for our Christmas Performances.

P1 and 2 - Friday 6 December 2024 at 9.30 am in our school hall.

P3 and 4 - Friday 6 December 2024 at 10.15 am in our school hall.

P5-7 - Wednesday 11 December 2024 at 7 pm in First Ahoghill Presbyterian Church (Many thanks to 1st Ahoghill!) **Tea and coffee will be served from 6.30 pm**

ANNUAL CINEMA TRIP -Thursday 19 December 2024

We plan to take the children by bus to the cinema again this year for our annual whole school outing on

It is likely that this will cost approximately £12. Film details and cost will follow.

SAFEGUARDING TEAM

If at any time you have any concerns of a Child Protection nature, you can arrange to speak to any member of our Safeguarding Team by contacting the School Office or by contacting the relevant member of the team via email .



- The following are members of the school's Safeguarding Team:
- **Designated Teacher** - Mrs LA Bovill
lbovill766@c2kni.net
- **Deputy Designated Teacher** - Mrs T Whann
twhann312@c2kni.net
- **Principal and Chair of the Safeguarding team**- Mrs K Parker, kparker600@c2kni.net
- **Chair of the Board of Governors** - Mrs A Stevenson stevensonalison@aol.com
- **Designated Governor for Child Protection** - Rev M Neilly. markneilly@hotmail.com

At any time you can talk to a social worker at the Children's Services Gateway Team on **0300 1234 333** or the PSNI Central referral Unit (cru@psni.police.uk) or 101 Or 999 in an emergency.

SCHOOL YEAR 2024-25

Please ensure that family holidays are planned around these dates. All absences impact children's school experiences.



Dates inclusive of 5 Staff Development days

Half Term 1 28 October to
01 November 2024 (05 days)

Christmas Hol 23 December 2024 to
03 January 2025 (10 days)

Term 2 - Starts 06 January 2025

Half Term 2 11 February to 14 February 2025
17 March 2025 (01 day)

Easter Hol 15 April to
25 April 2025 (09 days)

Term 3 - Starts 28 April 2025

May Holidays 05 May 2025 (01 day)
21 May to 26 May 2025 (4 days)

School Year ends on Friday 27 June

Mrs K Parker, Principal