



Fourtowns Primary School News

04 November 2024

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EARL HAIG FUND

Poppies will be available in school this week for a minimum donation of 20 p.

NORTHERN IRELAND CHEST HEART AND STROKE FUNDRAISER IN MEMORY OF ROY.

Parentpay donations will remain open until Friday 8 November for our fundraiser in memory of Roy.

A final total will be included in next week's newsletter.

ANNUAL REPORT

Please find attached the Governor's Annual Report for Fourtowns Primary School for 2023/24.

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.

SCHOOL POLICIES ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

Please be aware that Fourtowns PS operates a strict policy of anti smoking and 'no dogs' policy on school grounds.

MORE SUCCESS FOR AHOGHILL

More good news for Ahoghill! - Ahoghill was named as Runner Up (Small Town category) in the 2024 Ulster in Bloom competition.

This is a tough competition so we are delighted that the village has been recognised in this way!

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**

P7 POST-PRIMARY OPEN DAY/EVENINGS

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| Ballymena Academy | 08 and 09 January 2025 |
| Cambridge House | TBC |
| Cullybackey College | 13 and 14 January 2025 |
| Dunclug College | 08 and 09 January 2025 |
| Slemish College | 22 and 23 January 2025 |

PLEASE SEE SCHOOL'S OWN SOCIAL MEDIA FOR FURTHER DETAILS

ANTI BULLYING WEEK -

Monday 11 - Friday 15 November

Please find attached some leaflets from the Addressing-Bullying Schools Implementation Team which you may find helpful.



Tuesday 12 November is Odd



Socks Day and we would encourage all children to wear odd socks as a reminder that we are all made wonderfully

different!

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.

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:-

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| 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.

CHILDREN IN NEED - Friday 15 November 2024

Donate £1.50 to Children in Need and wear your Onesie to school day!



*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/rTQgpFWx7g1bwBfF9>

COOL FOR SCHOOL PHOTOS -



Friday 22 November 2024
Cool for School have asked remind them that parents that they must register their child to have their photo - even if they have registered before or have an account.

Cool for School Photography

To have your child's photo taken you **must** register!

Register Now!

Complete online registration to ensure your child's photo is taken this year. Just follow these **three** simple steps.

Please register by **7pm** the day before Photoday

Get ready for PHOTODAY!

Friday 22nd November



STEP 1

Grab your phone or PC and go to orders.coolforschoolphotography.com

STEP 2

Enter this unique school code.

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STEP 3

Fill in **Pupil's** name, choose **their** class from drop down menu Click Add Child.

If a sibling photo is required, complete additional section.

Click **Confirm and Continue** then enter your contact details

Scroll down and **Click Submit Registration**

That's it! After you have hit submit you should receive a confirmation email that your child or children have been registered successfully.

Your contact details will be securely stored and kept private, due to strict GDPR compliance. Feel free to visit our website for further information. If you have any queries, please contact our us on ...02892683966



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 stevensonlison@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.

ADVANCE NOTICE OF TERM 1 PROVISIONAL DATES - TERM 1.

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



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

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

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