

Annalong Primary Matters

January/February 2023

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I hope you have had a good Christmas and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a happy and prosperous 2023.

Below is some key information and dates for this term.

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Term Dates

Return to school: Wednesday 4th January.

Half term – Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February.

St Patrick's Day holiday – Friday 17th March.

Term Ends on Friday 31st March at 12 noon.

The full holiday list can be found on The Annalong PS App (Parent Area) and on the school website.

Extended Schools – Afterschool Clubs

Acti-Sport – Monday 16th January – 2pm-3pm for Primary 2 pupils.

Monday 16th January – 3pm-4pm for Primary 4 and 5

Both will cost £15 for a block of 10 sessions.

Please use the school app – random payment form. Places may be limited.

2-3 club will resume on Monday 16th January and this term it will be available for P3 pupils from Monday-Thursday each week at a cost of £1.50 per day.

Parents will receive **class-specific letters** inviting their children to participate in the activities.

Small Talk NI will continue their sessions from Monday 9th January for Nursery and Primary 1.

Nursery Unit and Primary 1 Admissions – September 2023

The Online portal can be found at

<https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions>

Applications open on Tuesday 10th January 2023 and must be completed before 12 noon on Friday 27th January 2023. You have until 12 noon on 31st January 2023 to upload a birth certificate and any other supporting documentation.

P7 Post Primary Transfer

Applications have to be **completed online** for those children moving into Post-Primary school in September 2023.

Admissions criteria will be published on Thursday 12th January 2023. Online applications will open at 12noon on Wednesday 1st February 2023 and will close at 4pm on Thursday 23rd February 2023.

Further details will be given to parents of the pupils in Primary 7.

Homework

Homework will resume on Monday 9th January for all classes.

Mobile Phone Numbers

It's important that we hold a current phone number for all parental contacts. If you have recently received a new phone number, please inform the school secretary as soon as possible.

Attendance

Please continue to provide a reason why your child is off using the absence form on the school app in the Parent area.

New guidance states that pupils should be off school for a minimum of 3 days after a positive Covid-19 test or symptoms but please ensure they are well enough to return to school.

If your child suffers from diarrhoea or vomiting, they should remain at home for 48 hours after their last bout of sickness.

Social Media

The school has now launched a **Facebook page** to further promote the school in the local community. This will prove to be extremely useful. Messages on the Facebook page will not be monitored. We are currently updating our School Website as we now have all the necessary permissions for sharing content on the class pages. Please look out for information and pictures of activities in your child's class.

The **Annalong Primary School App** continues to be a great success and is now used to book activities, pay for school meals, communicate with and notify us of absences. **The App will be our main form of communication with parents.** Download the App from the App Store and use access code 11111 to log on for the first time. If you continue to have difficulties, then please contact the school. Please ensure you have notifications switched on for your child's class.

Queries/Concerns

Just to remind you that most day-to-day queries/concerns can be answered by the class teachers. If you need to see a teacher about a more serious issue, please make an appointment to see the teacher or Mr Chambers at an appropriate time.

Mr Chambers will be available after school Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and during school on Monday - Wednesday.

School Contact Details

Email: pchambers413@c2kni.net

Phone – **02843768336** or use the **Communication form on the School App.**

Please remember that we are a nut aware school. Products containing nuts or traces of nuts must not be brought to school.