



NEWSLETTER



September 2016



Welcome back to the new school year!

May I first of all offer our condolences on behalf of the school community to Mrs Lisa Ellis and her family on the death of her mother during the summer holidays and also to Mrs Helen Kenwell and family on the death of her brother-in-law.

We offer our condolences also to the family of Mr Eamon McClean on his sudden death in June. Eamon served as a governor for many years in OIPS and he will be sorely missed by his wife Roisin, children Tiernan, Leon and Eunan and the wider family circle.

Following on from our 25th Anniversary celebrations last year, the 2016-17 school year promises to be an even more momentous time in the school's history as work begins very shortly on our new school building. Our aim as a school hasn't changed and is clear... we want to ensure that everyone associated with our school enjoys a fantastic educational experience within an integrated setting.

Our new school website is now well established and contains everything you'd need to know about our school (and if it doesn't then please let us know!). Please log on to www.omaghintegratedps.com to keep yourself fully updated with

what has been going on in the school and what future events are planned.

We look forward with renewed excitement and enthusiasm to what the new school year will bring for us all and please do not hesitate to contact us at any time if you have a query or need clarification on any aspect of school life. Parents have always played a vital role in our school and we look forward to working in partnership with you again this school year to make OIPS an even more excellent school in the spirit of 'Openness, Trust, Collegiality and Fulfilling Potential'.

Thank you.

A. Bradley

Y1-Y4 MORNING DROP-OFF ARRANGEMENTS



On arrival Y1-Y4 pupils are asked to leave their bags in the assembly hall and then proceed directly to the playground. The teachers will then collect their classes from the playground as normal and proceed to the classrooms. On wet days the children will remain in the assembly hall until collected by their teacher.

WELCOME...

...to Mrs Anne Park who will be teaching the Y6's every Monday along with Miss Finlay, Mrs Sharon Wilson who will be teaching in Year One with Mrs Howe and to Mr Damon Teague who is currently in Mrs Ritchie's Y2 class. We hope that you have an enjoyable time in our school.

OIPS FRIENDS PRE-SCHOOL AND AFTER-SCHOOL FACILITY

We have started another year at **After School Club** this week with many returning faces and we are looking forward to seeing many new children join us throughout the year. If you wish to register your child for After school Club phone 02882 258318 or email oipsfriendsclub@gmail.com

Opening hours – 2.00-3.00pm and 3.00-5.30pm at an hourly rate of £3. All payments to be received in advance.

The Pre-School Playgroup is open for children aged 2 years 10 months to 4 years. It is situated beside OIPS Nursery Unit and is managed By Mrs Emma-Jayne Fowler and her dedicated assistants Miss Rachael O'Donnell and Ms Niamh Cunniffe.

As a sessional childcare provider we are registered with our local Social Services Trust Early Years Team. The main responsibility of

the Early Years Service within the Western Trust is the registration, support and inspection of day care provision for children aged under 12. This includes us as we provide childcare within our Playgroup, Afterschool club and our Summer Club.

AFTER –SCHOOL CLUBS COMMENCE NEXT

Our ever popular after school clubs for this term will commence shortly with further details to follow.

Mondays 3-4pm

French for Fun - Yr5 – Starting on Monday 19th September for six weeks.

Girls Gaelic Football Coaching Y5-7

Tuesdays 3-4pm

Maiden City Soccer Coaching for Yr6/7

Wednesdays 3-4pm

Rugby Coaching - Y5-7

Thursdays 3-4pm -

Y5-7 Boys Gaelic Football Coaching
Y3 – ICT Club

PASTORAL CARE & CHILD PROTECTION

Staff at OIPS are always ready to listen to any problems or queries you may have. Sometimes you may have other concerns where you or your children may want to talk in confidence to an appropriate adult. Our Designated Child Protection Teacher is Mrs Daphne McKernan Y3 and Deputy Designated Teacher is Mrs Siobhan Taggart Y7.

SCHOOL DINNERS



From 1st September meals will continue to cost £2.50 per day / £12.50 per week, payable to the class teacher on Mondays.

If you feel that your child/ren may be entitled to free school meals/uniforms, please contact the Meals & Uniform Section at EA Western Section (Tel. 82411496) or call into the office for an application form. If your child already receives free meals, you would have received a renewal application in the post. This should have been returned by now to ensure approval for meals from 1st September.

IMPORTANT: If your child is taking school dinners and has any known allergies that requires a specific diet, please contact Anne at Holy Family School meals kitchen at 02882 249081. Medical evidence must be provided also by sending in a copy of a Care Plan.



Tutor available to teach piano lessons to beginners or intermediates.

Tel: 07784563711

SCHOOL MILK

School milk will re-commence on Monday 3rd October. A letter giving details will be sent out Monday 10th October. No orders will be accepted after Friday 14th as advance notice must be given. Orders will be for the term and no refunds will be given as milk is bought in advance.



PUPIL REGISTRATION FORM

Once a year we ask you to update our contact list and give consent for photos and recordings – if you have not already done so, please return this form next week. It is important that we have up-to-date telephone numbers so if they change during the year, please inform the school

PARENTS' COUNCIL NEWS

The Parents' Council have already been very active this past couple of weeks putting the final touches to two very important fundraising events. First up is the **NEVIN MAGUIRE COOKERY DEMONSTRATION** on **Tuesday 13th September** in **Drumragh Integrated College** followed shortly on **Saturday 24th September** by the **5K Fun Run/Walk**. (Full details are attached with this newsletter) Please support these events which are aimed at raising resourcing funds for our new school.



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SCHOOL CLOSINGS

2016-2017

AUTUMN TERM

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| September | 1 st | <u>Term Commences</u> |
| | 30 th | Closure (School Development Day 1) |
| October | 27 th | Closure (School Development Day 2) |
| | 28 th | Closure |
| | 31 st | Closure |
| November | 1 st | Closure |
| December | | School finishes half day on Tuesday 20 th December (Christmas) |

SPRING TERM

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| January 2017 | 3 rd | Closure (School Development Day 3) |
| | 4 th | <u>Term Commences</u> |
| February | 15 th | Closure (School Development Day 4) |
| | 16 th | Closure |
| | 17 th | Closure |
| | 20 th | Closure |
| March | 17 th | Closure (St. Patrick's Day) |
| | 20 th | Closure |
| April | | School finishes half day on Wednesday 12 th April (Easter) |

SUMMER TERM

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| April | 24 th | <u>Term Commences</u> |
| May | 1 st | Closure (May Day Bank Holiday) |
| | 25 th | Closure (School Development Day 5) |
| | 26 th | Closure |
| | 29 th | Closure (May Day Bank Holiday) |
| June | | School finishes half day on Friday 30 th June 2017 (Summer Holidays) |