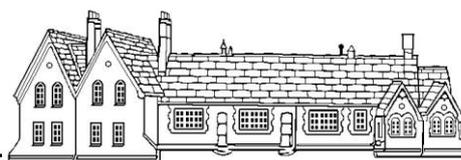


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January Newsletter

Dates for your diary!

Tues 16 th Jan	Creative Story Cards Workshop Y1/2 Parents
Sat 20 th Jan	Year 7 Confirmation
Sat 27 th Jan	Transfer Results published
Wed 31 st Jan	Enrolment Mass Y4
Thur 1 st Feb	Swimming starts Year 5 and 6
Mon 12 th - Fri 16 th Feb	Half Term Break
Mon 19 th March	School Closed (St Patricks Day)
Wed 21 st March	Year 4 First Confession
Wed 27 th March	End of Term, Easter Service (Year 5/6 parents)
Mon 9 th April	Summer Term begins
Thur 3 rd – Fri 4 th May	Year 6 and 7 Residential Trip
Mon 7 th May	May day bank holiday
Sat 19 th May	Year 4, First Holy Communion
28 th /29 th /30 th May	School holiday
Fri 29 th June	End of term!

New Term

Happy New Year and welcome back to a new school term! We are all looking forward to a busy time ahead.

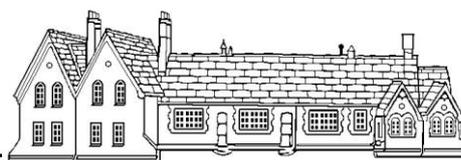
Just a few reminders, to make the new year run smoothly for everyone;

- School starts at **9am** and all children should be in class by 8:55 for registration. Late arrivals will incur a late mark and impact greatly on learning and teaching
- All absences must be explained with a written note to the teacher
- Full uniform must be worn every day including proper school shoes
- A PE kit should be kept in school with appropriate footwear (this is very important for the health and safety of your children)
- Please collect children promptly at 2/3pm to avoid congestion on the road and allow staff to cover after school clubs

We appreciate your co-operation with these matters 😊



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Year 1 Enrolment

We are currently enrolling children for the school year 2017/18, if your child is due to start school please ensure your application (forms available from school office) is returned to school by 12noon on Wednesday 10th January.

If you are aware of any family members/neighbours/friends that have children of compulsory school age please encourage them to consider Culmore PS. Mrs McGuinness would be delighted to show them around school. Appointments can be made through the school office.

After School Clubs

All clubs will resume as normal from next week - week beginning Monday 15th January.

Illness

This is the time of year when children are susceptible to coughs and colds. Please ensure that children are well enough to attend school and learn in a busy environment. If a child has been vomiting, or has had diarrhoea, the recommendation from the Public Health Agency is that they stay off for at least **48 hours**. You will appreciate that these viruses spread easily and staff absence, due to illness, is a huge drain on our resources.

Swimming

Swimming for Year 5 and 6 will start, Thursday 1st February, a note with more details will follow.

Extreme Weather

I'm hoping the weather does not get any worse over the next few weeks. Please find, attached, guidelines from the Education Authority in the event of a school closure. I will aim to make a decision as early as possible on a closure to avoid unnecessary travel. It is very important that school has an up-to-date contact number to ensure you receive a text.

Music Tuition

Clarinets are available on loan from school. Mr McDermott, a music tutor, will provide lessons during the school day at a cost of £10 for 30 minutes. Guitar and piano lessons are also available at an extra cost; if you are interested please contact school.

