



Carniny Primary School

Parents' Newsletter



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House Points



Having taken November's House Points into account the totals are:

Braid	995-	Bann	930
Maine	873	Kells	870

Congratulations to the following children who were Boy/Girl of the month in each House during November.

Braid

Girl : Emily Legg
Boy: Joshua Shields

Bann

Girl: Katie Logan
Boy: Sam Gilkinson

Maine

Girl: Ella Lutton
Boy: Samuel Church

Kells

Girl: Niamh McMullan
Boy: Jack Weir

High Flyers



The most recent winners of our High Flyer award are:

- P1: Isaac Lutton, Isaac Henderson
- P1/2: Leo Andrews, James Burns, Callum Knox
- P2: Caleb Heaney, Jessica Robinson, Zoe Lamont
- P3: Aimee Burnside, Noah Hampton, Georgie Harvey
- P3/4: Abi Arbuthnot, Alanna Sutters, Ronan Carr

FOCPS



We were so disappointed that following advice from the Public Health Agency we had no other choice but to cancel our Christmas Fair due to the sickness bug that spread through the school.

However as earlier communication has indicated the big man in the red suit who was obviously very disappointed at not getting to speak to the children in our Fair's grotto is planning to visit us in school on Friday 15 December. Further details will be issued regarding this event.

Thank you for showing your support in the purchase of your child/ren's own Christmas Cards. This fund raising project raised £608.38

Rotary Club- Christmas Hamper



Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to the Rotary Club's Christmas Hamper Appeal.

Healthy Eating



We ask for your support in ensuring our Healthy Eating Policy is fully implemented.

At break time children are expected to eat fruit, vegetables or bread based products and drink either milk or water.

It is encouraging to see so many children availing of the toast provided by the School Meals Kitchen.

Carol Service



We look forward to our Carol Service on Monday 18 December in Wellington Church at 6.30pm.

Please remember to join us afterwards for refreshments in the church hall.

Holidays

The school term will finish on Wednesday 20 December at 12.00 noon for P1-4 and 12.15pm for P5-7 classes.

Toast and School meals will not be provided. This will be a Non-Uniform Day.



Please complete and return to school the attached pro forma indicating you are aware of the arrangements for the end of term.

The Spring term commences on Thursday 4 January 2018.

Applications for Primary 1 (Sept 2018)

Applications Forms for Primary 1 places in September 2018 are available from the school office. All forms should be completed and returned to school by **Wednesday 10 January** (12 noon).

Morning Arrangements (8.30-8.45am)

It is very encouraging that so many of our children are walking into school independently.

All children should enter through the external doors adjacent to their classrooms and P4 and P6 children should proceed to their own mobile.

Older children leaving off younger brothers and sisters to the P1 and P2 end of the

school should exit the school and proceed to the rear of the school building and enter through the door appropriate for their classroom.

In the event of parents wishing to speak to teachers in the morning (8.30-8.45am) I would discourage conversations about pupil progress or other sensitive matters which would be more appropriately discussed during an arranged appointment.

Cinema Trip

We are looking forward to our visit to IMC Cinema on Tuesday 19 December. Please ensure you have returned the pro forma on the letter previously issued.

School Pedestrian Gate

For safety reasons we have been locking the pedestrian gate at the rear of the school and the lower gate on the Old Cullybackey Road.

To enhance all children's safety we have recently been closing the upper pedestrian gate at the front of the school during the school day.

I would ask that all visitors and parents using this gate remember to close it securely when arriving at and leaving the school premises.



School Driveway



The school driveway is for staff and deliveries only. The only exception being for disabled drivers wishing to use one of the disabled parking bays.

Parents and pupils must never use the driveway to enter and leave the school premises. This is an "out of bounds" area for all children. The pedestrian entrances must only be used.

Collecting Children Following Participation in Extra Curricular Activities (4pm)

Following after school activities at 4pm teachers will accompany children to the front gate for collection. If you wish your child to leave through the back entrance unaccompanied please record this on the reply slip.

Christmas Dinner



Our Christmas Dinner is scheduled for Friday 15 December. To add to the festive atmosphere we are also planning this to be a non uniform Christmas Jumper Day. Children have been asked to bring £1 to school and proceeds will be going to Save the Children. Thank you for your support.

Easyfundraising



Please remember to register with the Easy fundraising app. All on-line shopping using this app will generate funds for our school and not cost you a penny!

Facebook Page



The school is delighted with the tremendous response to our new Facebook page. Please don't miss out on all up to date news. It can be found at fb.me/CarninyPS or by searching for Carniny Primary School. Please feel free to like and share our page.

School Inspection



The Education and Training Inspectorate is carrying out an Inspection of Carniny during the week beginning 8 January 2017.

It is keen to hear the views of parents/carers on the life and work of the school. Parents/carers may complete a questionnaire by following the link below:

<http://tinyurl.com/parents-carers-questionnaire>

To follow the link, place the cursor over the http address, then ctrl and click; this action will take you directly to the questionnaire registration page

The questionnaire code for this inspection is: **3016129**

All questionnaires should be completed by Wednesday 20 December 2017.

Further information about the inspection process for Parents can be found at the following link below:

<http://tinyurl.com/Prim-Info-Parents>

Due to current industrial action this inspection will



only focus on the school's arrangements for Care and Welfare and Safeguarding.

Volunteers Required.

We are always in great need of parents to volunteer in various aspects of school life (FOCPS, Transport, Library, School Visits etc.).

In accordance with the school's Child Protection Policy I would ask all parents who would be willing volunteer to complete a Volunteer Application Form (available from the school office). In addition it will be necessary to complete the online Access NI form. Before beginning the online application you will require an instruction form including a PIN number. This can be obtained from the office. On completion of the online form you will receive a Unique Access NI Number which should be brought into school with relevant ID documents for verification. This procedure must be repeated annually.

We encourage you all to give this matter your consideration.

Mobile Phone Policy



The Board of Governors has recently ratified a Mobile Phone Policy for Carniny Primary School. Please take time to read this policy on our website in Parents/Policies.

Social Media



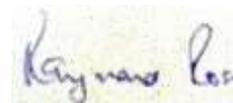
Instagram

A number of our Key Stage 2 children have been communicating with Instagram. I would encourage all parents to delete this app from their children's phones as it encourages inappropriate conversations. The recommended age for setting up a social media account such as Instagram, Facebook and Snapchat is 13 yrs. I ask for your support in this matter.

Season's Greetings



I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year.



Raymond Ross (Principal)



Last Day of Term

Name of Child _____ Class _____

I am aware of the arrangements for the last Day of Term (20 December) and will collect my child at 12.00 (P1-4) and 12.15pm (P5-7).

Signed _____ (Parent/Guardian)

