

Annalong Primary Matters

January/February 2024

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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 2024.

Below is some key information and dates for this term.

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Term Dates

Half term – Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February.

St Patrick's Day holiday – Monday 18th March.

Term Ends on Tuesday 26th March at 12 noon.

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

Small Talk NI will continue their sessions from Monday 8th January for Nursery and Primary 1.

Nursery Unit and Primary 1 Admissions – September 2024

The online portal can be found at

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

Applications open on Tuesday 9th January 2024 and must be completed before 12 noon on Friday 26th January 2024. You have until 4pm on 31st January 2024 to upload a birth certificate and any other supporting documentation to EA Connect.

P7 Post Primary Transfer

Applications must be **completed online** for those children moving into Post-Primary school in September 2024.

Admissions criteria will be published on Thursday 11th January 2024. Online applications will open at 12 noon on Tuesday 30th January 2024 and will close at 12 noon on Thursday 22nd February 2024.

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

Homework

Homework has resumed this week for all classes.

2-3 Club

Primary 2 and Primary 3 pupils can continue to attend 2-3 club from 2pm – 3pm on a Monday-Thursday. From Monday 15th January this will be opened to Primary 1 pupils. There will be a limited number of places available, and priority will be given to those currently attending the club. This can be booked on the School App – Bookings – 2-3 Club Bookings at a cost of £2.50 each day. Bookings should be made at the latest on the day before a place is needed and on a Friday for the following Monday.

Mobile Phone Numbers

It is 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.

New Pedestrian Entrance

Our new pedestrian entrance is now in use. Pupils who leave school at 3pm will now leave school via the Nursery side of the school. Anyone who walks down the pedestrian path at the other side of the school and turns left to walk home will continue to leave at the Harbour side of the school. Parents should continue to wait outside the gates for pupils to be brought out at 3pm. We will review these arrangements and make any adjustments as necessary.

Attendance

Please continue to provide a reason why your child is off using the Absence Form on the School App in the Parent Area.

Please ensure your child is in school for 9am. If it is after this time, pupils should be brought into reception and Mrs Cunningham will ensure they get to their class.

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 a **Facebook page** to further promote the school in the local community. Messages on the Facebook page are not monitored.

The **Annalong Primary School App** continues to be a great success and is 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.