



# Ampertaine Primary School



## Newsletter

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024



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PLEASE KEEP CHECKING OUR WEB SITE FOR LATEST PICTURES AND DATES OF EVENTS

### WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT TO KEEP OUR CLUB FREE

**BREAKFAST CLUB IS A MASSIVE SUCCESS- WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT! (8 – 8:40am)**

All pupils **MUST** be in school by 8:20

Our attendance at breakfast club ranges from 43 to 52 each morning!



Thank you so much to our parental helpers. Our club would not be operational without the parental support each morning.

Thank you also to those who have donated food for our club. We are gladly accepting the following items

- **Apple Juice**
- **Orange Juice**
- **Money! At the moment our club is costing £24 a week.**

Pupils are offered juice (apple or orange), toast and a choice of cereal. We are currently receiving free cereal from a community group. The Club is a great opportunity for our pupils to mix and socialise with each other before they start their busy day

### School Uniform and additional clothing

**Please ensure all items of uniform and additional clothing such as t-shirts, jumpers, coats, hats etc are labelled with your child's name.**

Unfortunately, many of the pupils do not have their clothing labelled. This has caused items to go home to the wrong households or in the worst case scenario, to be lost.

Please check that you have the correct uniforms at home. Any uniforms belonging to others can be returned to the school office.

These will be returned accordingly by staff members.

Thank you for your assistance in these matters.



## **School Attendance**

Regular school attendance is vital for every child within our school. Missed lessons mean missed opportunities to have full access to the curriculum. If your child is absent from school, please ensure that you send a written explanation on your child's return to school. We would have concerns if your child's attendance falls below 87%.

Those with an attendance between 85-87% will receive a note to allow awareness and encourage improvement.

Those below 85% will be invited to school to have a conversation on how best to increase their child's attendance.

By law we must inform the Educational Welfare Officer if their attendance is 85% or below. Attendance will be continuously monitored throughout the school year.

We appreciate all your support in this important matter and thank you for encouraging your child to always attend.

## **Attendance Matters**



## **School Car Park**

### **People arriving 20 – 15 minutes before their time slots causing chaos!**



**No system has a chance to even begin to work. On Monday we had 22 cars blocking the main road before a quarter to 3! Dangerous and not needed.**

**NO CAR SHOULD BE IN SCHOOL BEFORE THE TEN TO SLOT.**

Presently all pupils are being collected within 10 minutes of our system starting.

If cars arrived at the correct time the back log onto the main road would not occur.

PSNI are working in partnership with the school regarding public vehicles over taking and travelling on the wrong side of the road.

## **Hannah and Noah's new arrivals!**



Hannah and Noah had some amazing news, their chicks which have hatched out over the weekend! Both children as you can see are thrilled at the new arrivals in the family! 8 chicks so far and counting. Noah loves how they feel and how tiny and cute they are. Hannah loves to go in and see how they play with each other. Both kids are learning lots and enjoying the responsibility of looking after the chicks.



## **Karate Kids @ Ampertaine**



Ruby, Adam and Emma were very busy over Easter, preparing for their first grading with the Zanshin Karate Club. They completed an extra 7.5 hours of training at karate camp, followed by their grading, where they all achieved full orange belts (awarded by the Karate Union of Great Britain). Well done, Ruby, Adam and Emma!

## **Leaver's Hoodies are HERE!!!!!!**



It's that time of year again sadly when yet another thing happens to remind us that P7 will be leaving our school family soon. The super P7 pupils have been given their hoodies to wear for their remaining time at Ampertaine. The pupils chose the colour, style and print work for their hoodies together. Enjoy wearing them kids you look awesome! Thank you to A1 embroidery for looking after us so well.



## Upperlands resident reaches magnificent milestone!

Dear Mr Dillon,

On behalf of our Aunt Ruby, we would like to sincerely thank you, your staff and all the pupils of Ampertaine Primary School, who sent Birthday Cards and good wishes to Ruby on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

The cards were beautifully illustrated and very carefully designed. An enormous amount of planning and thoughtfulness on the part of the pupils and staff was very evident and very much appreciated by Ruby and her extended family.

# 100



Over the Easter period a very special Upperlands resident reached the amazing milestone of 100! Thanks to Mrs Ramsey, Mr Dillon, the teaching staff and classroom assistants were able to arrange the creation of a unique card from each classroom.

Due to circumstances beyond our control we were unable to deliver the cards in person. Luckily for us Ben Patterson (P7) was on hand to take our lovely cards and make sure Ruby was able to see them on the big day.

A massive well done to all involved in making sure this very special moment was not forgotten and was recognised. We are all so so glad that Ruby enjoyed our cards and took time to read all of the birthday wishes from pupils and staff.

Thank you to Ruby's family for the lovely letter of thanks and the photographs. This was more than good of them to let us know.

All at Ampertaine wish Ruby many more super birthdays to enjoy with her family and friends. An amazing and special lady who lives in Upperlands!

## ***Friends of Ampertaine – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April @7pm***

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April as we start to gather ideas on how to end the school year with as many opportunities and experiences as we can for the pupils.

We hope you will be able to attend and bring with you much needed support for our school.

Help us to make memorable learning at Ampertaine.



# *Friends of Ampertaine*

### **Rev. Morrison Visits Ampertaine Assembly**



It was great to have Rev. Morrison visit us in assembly. We greatly appreciate all of our local ministers finding the time in their busy schedule to visit Ampertaine.

The Rev. Morrison spoke of keeping our faith even at times when things can seem troubled and busy. Like Jesus and the disciples in the storm, all kept their faith in the stormy waters as Jesus said to the raging wind and rain and waves to be still and to be quiet. The pupils really enjoyed the assembly and were able to answer Rev. Morrisons questions really well.

All listen to our visitor showing respect and excellent manners as they represented Ampertaine.

We all look forward to welcoming Rev. Morrison back to Ampertaine soon.

### **Contacting school**

We would ask for all parents to use our school info account when informing school of information eg absences, family holidays etc.

If you have any queries for our teachers or wish to speak with them, please use our email account to arrange an appointment.

Our school email is [info@ampertaineps.maghera.ni.sch.uk](mailto:info@ampertaineps.maghera.ni.sch.uk) .  
Email subject to include the name of the pupil and class.



## **Contact Us**

## Calendar Dates (All Available on Website Calendar)

<b>April</b>	
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• P1 Nurse</li> <li>• CEF Club - P1+2 - 2-3pm P3-P7 3-4pm</li> <li>• E.M.C - Transfer Prep 3-4pm</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Friends of Ampertaine Meeting @7pm</b></li> </ul>
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We welcome Little Amps to our assembly.</li> <li>• P1 Nurse</li> <li>• Drumming and Piping 3-4pm -P3-P7</li> <li>• Cycling Proficiency for P7</li> </ul>
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Room 4 Time Steps visit</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LAST CEF Club - P1+2 - 2-3pm P3-P7 3-4pm</li> <li>• E.M.C - Transfer Prep 3-4pm</li> </ul>
<b>May</b>	
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worry Busters Programme for P5-P7</li> </ul>
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School Closed due to Public Holiday</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• E.M.C - Transfer Prep 3-4pm</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• P7 5-aside Tournament at Meadowbank</li> <li>• Worry Busters Programme for P5-P7</li> <li>• Drumming and Piping 3-4pm -P3-P7</li> <li>• Cycling Proficiency for P7</li> </ul>
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> - Friday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PTE and PTM Testing for P3 to P7</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We Welcome Rodney Mitchell to our assembly.</li> <li>• E.M.C - Transfer Prep 3-4pm</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Football tournament at the Woods PS</li> <li>• Worry Busters Programme for P5-P7</li> <li>• Drumming and Piping 3-4pm -P3-P7</li> <li>• Cycling Proficiency for P7</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Friday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• P6 + P7 Residential trip to Ganaway!</li> </ul>
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School Closed for Public Bank Holiday</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School Closed for Teacher Training</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Return to school for all pupils</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Possible SPORTS DAY -TBC Weather dependant</li> </ul>
<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Possible SPORTS DAY - TBC Weather dependant</li> </ul>



**AGES  
8-11**



# **SUMMER CAMP @RAINEY ENDOWED**

**29 July - 2 Aug  
(9am-1pm)**



**£100**



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**Contact the school office for details  
and application form.  
Limited spaces available.  
Booking closes 17 May**