



Ampertaine Primary School



Newsletter

Friday 16th October 2020

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Maths Week (Monday 12th – Friday 16th)

We have had a fantastic Maths week in school, Friday really was the end of a special week and the children have been brilliant. Well done to all for all your hard work. A super effort today with lots of people in school with different shapes, patterns, stripes etc on their clothing. Photographs taken in class bubbles.





A1 Embroidery

A massive thank you to all parents who used A1 Embroidery when purchasing this years school uniform. The company as you are aware have been very generous to our little school by providing signage for our car park. Their generosity has continued and the school was recently presented with a cheque to be used for school funds. Thank you to you all and a massive thank you to A1 Embroidery for these much needed funds.



Extended Holiday and Learning Packs

We fully expect to be back to face to face learning and teaching on Monday 2 November. However, this is a fast changing situation, and consequently staff are already prepared to move to remote learning if the planned review leads to further restrictions. If this happens remote learning will be facilitated through Seesaw/Google Classroom with some hard copy worksheets / workbooks etc. To this end your child's class teacher will send home some materials on Friday. ***Such packs are only to be used in the very unlikely event that we move to remote learning on 2 November.*** As always, we hope for the best and plan for the worst.

PTA Fund raising. 'Only Smarties have the answer'

Current restrictions mean we have to look for appropriate fundraising activities.

Every child in the school has received a tube of Smarties. Once they have eaten them, we would ask that each family attempts to fill at least one tube with 20p coins! Once a tube has been filled it can then be returned to school!



We hope that you all support this idea in these strange times.

After half term, we plan to hold our AGM to update you on how we have helped the school in the last 12 months, and to generate some new ideas for the way ahead. We will keep you informed of that in due course.

Again many thanks for all your continued support to our school.

Contacting school

We would ask at these times for all parents to use our school info account when informing school of information. **WE CAN NOT ACCEPT HAND WRITTEN NOTES FROM HOME.** 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. We would ask for your email subject to include the name of the pupil and class.

School Car Park

Thank you for your continued cooperation. Our system has been working well with many slots dropped off or collected in good time. **NO CARS** should be parking. **ALL PUPILS** are now expected to use the system. We would ask that you stick to your time slots to avoid confusion and to maintain a constant flow of traffic particularly when collecting. At times with forgotten bags etc classes may be out just after their slot. Please come within your ten-minute time slot. Thank you for continuing to give priority to those exiting the car park.

School payments for return in November

Children should bring payment into school on MONDAY morning.

Payments **MUST** include correct change and be organised with the school envelope clearly labelled with:

- Nature of payment ie school dinners
- Payment details ie days of the week
- Child's name and class

School envelopes can be purchased at a cost of £2.50.

We are required to deal with all money using appropriate PPE, all money will be removed from the building and banked before a complete clean down of the office area. This is why it is vital that money is received in this way and can **ONLY** be dealt with on a **MONDAY** morning. We greatly appreciate your assistance in this matter in this unprecedented situation.

School dinners

Our second week using the new menu has been a great success. We will have a Buffet on a Tuesday and alternate between a Baguette and a Toastie on the Thursday. We hope you have approved of these changes and we look forward to more pupils enjoying the delicious meals. The menu is on our website in the parents section under school meals. Here you will also see some photos of the actual meals currently being provided for our pupils.

All money **MUST** be in an envelope clearly labelled and brought into school on the **MONDAY** to enable Clare to count and then sanitise the work area. The **EXACT AMOUNT OF MONEY** should be in the envelope.

Kerry Food Group 'Yollies'

Our pupils have been very fortunate. The Kerry Food Group have donated a surplus of 'Yollies' for our pupils to enjoy at no charge. The original plan was to allow the children to eat these at lunch time up till half term. When we return in November the 'Yollies' will still be available and any pupil will be allowed to enjoy these at lunch time if they wish to do so.



P.E

The introduction of PE back into our timetable was a great success. Thank you for keeping to our dress code of wearing trainers, dressed in their usual school top and jumper/cardigan but with joggers or leggings in either plain navy or black. The children looked great and it helped for us to stay within the strict guidelines set out. P.E will resume the first week of November.

Monday	Wednesday
Room 1	Room1
Room 2	Room 2
Room 3/Hall	Room 4
	Mobile

Parent Teacher Interviews (Tuesday 10th – Thursday 12th)

This year will bring about a lot of changes to the way we normally operated. We value this time to give feedback to parents and inform on the development and progression of the pupils, both academically and socially.

For this year we will be having telephone interviews lasting up to ten minutes. These will be for P1 and P7 parents. P2-P6 will be given a feedback sheet similar to the format used during our usual parent teacher interviews. The dates may have changed but your day and time slots have not. Please keep hold of your original time slot. If you were a Tuesday at 3pm-4pm you will be contacted on Tuesday 10th between 3pm and 4pm. Etc

Calendar Dates

October/November	
Monday 19 th Oct - Friday 30 th Oct	OFF for half term
Monday 2 nd Nov	Back to school
Tuesday 10 th	Early Closure to facilitate Parent Teacher Interviews Collection Times Slot A @ 12:30 Slot B @12:40 and Slot C at 12:50pm
Wednesday 11 th	
Thursday 12 th	

Hope for Youth Ministries

We always love welcoming Colin to our school. Luckily for us all he is providing a TWO Week half term Bible Club for all of us to enjoy. The children have been currently enjoying Colin's assemblies in school within their class bubbles. Hope you all enjoy catching up with Colin over the extended holiday break.

**TWO WEEK CHILDREN'S
HALF TERM BIBLE CLUB**

19th-23rd October
The life of Daniel, the lion tamer

26th-30th October
Out and about with Colin

9am each morning

You Tube Hope for Youth Ministries

"It is time to seek the LORD."
Hosea 10:12

with
Colin Tinsley

SINGING / COMPETITIONS / PRIZES AND BIBLE STORIES

And lastly.....

Our hope is that we return and continue to build on the excellent work our pupils have been demonstrating. The school has been a place of learning, socialising, developing and growing. The pupils have stuck to our new way of school life so so well and we know they will continue to follow these new guidelines and new ways. It has been lovely to see the P1 pupils settle so well into our Ampertaine family over our first term. It is a big step from pre school and they have all handled it very impressively.

We wish you all a safe and pleasant extended holiday.

From all at Ampertaine.