



Ampertaine Primary School



Newsletter

Friday 6th November 2020

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

EARLY COLLECTION for Parent Teacher Interviews (Tuesday 10th – Thursday 12th)

As you are aware the children will be leaving school early next week. Slot A 12:30 – 12:40, Slot B 12:40-12:50 and Slot C 12:50 – 1pm.

This year we will be having telephone interviews lasting up to ten minutes. These will **ONLY** 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 **on Friday 13th November**.

We hope all of the days and times have been adjusted to suit all by now. If you need to alter your telephone appointment, please contact school on Monday at the latest.

A1 Embroidery

A massive thank you to A1 embroidery for the super signs on our gate to the playground. We are aware of the increased use of this gate and the dangerous busy road at the front of our school. The sign is greatly appreciated from both Little Amps and Ampertaine PS.



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.

So far we have had a great return of tubes. Thank you to those who have done so and to those who are currently trying to get theirs filled. The tube holds more 20p pieces than you first think!

Every Poppy Counts



Our school has taken part in the Royal British Legion campaign of “Every Poppy Counts”. Due to the current restrictions regarding parades and memorial services, people are encouraged to display poppies in their windows.

Ampertaine children have done a fantastic job creating poppy posters and letters to display at the front of our school. We think you’ll agree the whole school has done a great job. A special thank you to Mrs Wallace and Mrs Phillips for organising and assisting this whole school display.

Anti-Bullying Week 2020 (16th-20th Nov)

Bullying has a long lasting effect on those who experience and witness it. But by channeling our collective power, through shared efforts and shared ambitions, we can reduce bullying together. From parents and carers, to teachers and politicians, to children and young people, we all have a part to play in coming together to make a difference. We’re all a piece in the puzzle, and together, we’re united against bullying.



As part of Anti-Bullying Week 2020, NIABF is excited to be bringing [Odd Socks Day](#) to Northern Ireland for the first time! Odd Socks Day is an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique! There is no pressure to wear the latest fashion or for parents to buy expensive costumes. All you have to do to take part is wear odd socks to school on Monday 16th November.

Easyfundraising

At this particularly challenging time for us all, please don’t forget that over 4,100 shops and sites will donate to Ampertaine Primary School PTA for FREE every time you use easyfundraising to shop with them. This means you can support the school, when you get your groceries, order a takeaway, renew your insurance policies or buy anything else online – at no extra cost to yourself! If you haven’t signed up yet, it’s easy and completely FREE to use.



Just visit:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ampertainepta1/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=s-n4

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

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

It has been brilliant to see an increase in dinners taken since our return. As the weather starts to turn colder there is nothing quite like a warm lunch to keep you going. 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.

P.E

P.E caused a bit of excitement in the news this week. Ampertaine was able to meet the new adjustments and continue lessons. The information from the board has been adjusted **again**, allowing P.E to continue in larger groups. At present P.E is currently weather permitting. 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 continue with the following timetable.

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

Calendar Dates

November	
Tuesday 10th	Early Closure to facilitate Parent Teacher Interviews Collection Times Slot A @ 12:30 Slot B @12:40 and Slot C at 12:50pm
Wednesday 11th	
Thursday 12th	
Friday 13th	Parental information on pupils progress will be sent home.
Monday 16th	Odd Sock Day - Children are asked to wear odd socks to school for anti-bullying week.
Tuesday 24th	Police visit on Road Safety- Each class will have a session from the PSNI

And lastly.....

First week back after the extended holidays and everyone has been brilliant. It has been lovely to hear our pupils news and catch up with them. The level of work and motivation has been extremely encouraging. The week has been a long week for some and a strange week. Many pupils are still getting used to the school routine again and the early wake up time!

The weather is starting to get colder and we would remind everyone to continue to bring their coats. If the weather is dry we wish for our pupils, as much as possible, to have their break and lunch play time outside.

We wish everyone a safe and relaxing weekend.

From all at Ampertaine.