



"Memorable  
Learning"  
2021 -2022

# Ampertaine Primary School Newsletter



**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

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## NEWS FROM ROOM 1

P1 have settled into the school routine so quickly! It's lovely to see them walking in from the gate all by themselves! We welcome Laura into P1 as another classroom assistant, she's doing a great job! We've been sorting, practising our names, colouring, cutting and sticking. We went outside and had great fun playing in the sand tray. We made cookies, cakes and pies. We loved filling and emptying the saucepans, muffin trays and sieving the sand. We even got to put our wellies on!

## Room 2 News

Room 2 have settled in to the new school year really well. We have started our phonics journey, we are learning about numbers to 10, we love our 3D shape work and story time, but our favourite time is play based learning. Our topic for this term is the weather, and have enjoyed some weather themed stories and activities.







## **NEWS FROM THE MOBILE**

Everyone is happy back at school and settling into new routines. In the mobile, our topic this term is Light and Dark and we have been making fluffy owls and completing activities based on our class novel, *The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark*. We can't wait to research and paint nocturnal animals! In numeracy P3/4 are revising number stories and investigating length through the different apparatus we can measure with.

## **Room 3 News**

Wow! We're back to school and back in our proper home again, in our classroom Room 3. We're settling in well and getting things organised. We've been busy with different activities as well as our work and here we are with our spellings and table facts in our first full week back. The week is flying in and it's good to get our routines up and running again! Everyone is working hard and have made a great start to this school year...let's keep it up!



## **Room 4**

Super Room 4 have been very busy start to the new school year. Working hard and playing hard. They have enjoyed working again in a "normal" class layout and being able to take part in more group work.

Their topic this term is on Kenya. The children will avail of numerous resources, both digital and paper, to research their projects. We look forward to hearing the results of their fact finding on Kenya ranging from cultural identity to the natural environment and its importance. Well done room 4 STARS!



## ***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 from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September. 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.

## ***Contacting school***

We would ask at these times for all parents to use our school info account when informing school of information. 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) . We would ask for your email subject to include the name of the pupil and class.

## ***COVID Guidance update***

We are very conscious that COVID numbers across NI are still high so if your child is symptomatic at all, or has been identified as a close contact, please do not send them to school. Isolate them, notify us and book a PCR test immediately.

All arrangements will be kept under review and any changes will be communicated to you as and when appropriate and/or necessary. If you have any other queries or questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

We thank our parents for their understanding during an ever changing line of guidance from the EA.

Our FIVE steps to follow
1. If your child is unwell, please keep him/her at home.
2. If your child is unwell in school, he/she will be sent home.
3. If you feel that your child MIGHT have Covid-19 symptoms, please do a Lateral Flow Test or book a PCR test. Preference being PCR.
4. If your child tests positive for Covid-19, please keep your child at home to isolate.
5. If a child or staff member in class tests positive for Covid-19, I will inform parents from that class (and anyone else who may have been close contact). The PHA may contact close contacts but this could take time and may not include your child. In this case, it is the RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH PARENT to decide whether to regularly do Lateral Flow Tests with their child, book a PCR test for their child or do nothing.

It is essential that EVERYONE plays a part in keeping themselves and others safe.

## ***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***

A massive thank you to Louise and Jackie for such a smooth successful return to the hall. The children are eating in two time slots to allow for social distancing to occur. All surfaces are cleaned during “change over” of slots, with a final clean each day of all equipment used in the hall and kitchen.

The children had responded well to the new system in place with those taking dinners increasing as the school term as developed.

We hope you approve of our changes and we look forward to more pupils enjoying the delicious meals. The menu is on our website in the Newsletter section and has been emailed to all who have subscribed to our website.

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.

## **Calendar Dates**

<b>September</b>	
<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	Tempest School Photographs. More information to follow
<b>October</b>	
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Whole school Flu Vaccine.