



Ampertaine Primary School

Mini Newsletter



Tuesday 19th October 2021

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Maths Week Monday 18th-Friday 22nd

As happens every year in Ampertaine, we are involved again in 'Maths Week' this year. We are running our special maths activities during this week from Monday 18th til Friday 22nd and would like your children to come to school dressed in 'maths' clothes on Wednesday 20th October: this can be anything with a pattern or strips, spots or something with a number on it.

Thanks so much, looking forward to this event again.

R Penny

Christmas Shoe Box Appeal 2021

We are continuing our Samaritans Purse appeal this year. We are asking for one box per family where possible. Information on Shoe Box Appeal has been sent home in the form of a leaflet. Due to last year's situation we were unable to support a truly worthwhile cause. All boxes to be left into school. Final drop off date Friday 12th November.

PTA Fund raising. 'Only Smarties have the answer'

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

Every child in the school will be receiving 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 first meeting, to discuss current expenditure 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.

Parent Teacher Interviews (Monday 8th - Thursday 11th November)

We value this time to give feedback to parents and inform on the development and progression of the pupils, both academically and socially. This year there will be some changes to the way we normally operate. Social distancing will operate within the hall. A one-way system will be in place for entering and leaving the building. Time will be allocated to sanitize in-between interviews. As always a letter will be sent home with further details.

Blue Envelopes = Making life easier at home and in school

• Please remember BLUE envelopes are available from the office. We expect all money to be sent in a BLUE school envelope. Pack = £2.50

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.

C.I.A - Children Interacting at Ampertaine 2pm-5pm

Our C.I.A club is growing each week which is lovely to see. Booking forms can be obtained from the office or are downloadable from the school website.

Any children **not** collected at 2pm or 3pm will be sent to C.I.A **after ten minutes** with the parents required to pay for the full hour. We do not have the staff to continue to facilitate those who are not collected on time at 2pm and 3pm. C.I.A will therefore be used if children are not collected and will be charged accordingly.

School Uniform

Thank you to all parents for the amazing turn out of pupils, the children look fantastic in their uniforms. Well done to all. We would ask parents to please check any uniforms at home in case a piece of clothing from another child has accidentally gone home to the wrong house. We expect all clothing to be labelled with child's name to help with identification of clothing.

If for any reason a child is not able to wear the correct uniform please send email or ring the office to let us know why. At times it is hard for the children to explain why they may be in different clothing.

Calendar Dates

October	
Wednesday 20 th	Children to come to school dressed in 'maths' clothes. Anything with a pattern or strips, spots or something with a number on it.
Friday 22 nd	All Christmas cards orders returned to school.
Tuesday 26 th	Harvest festival available online - Seesaw and Googleclassroom.
	PSNI visit to Room 1 and 2 to chat about Road and Fireworks safety.
Wednesday 27 th	Finish for half term. Whole school finishes at 12 noon. Please follow the collection times. Slot A= 11:50 Slot B = 12 noon Slot C 12:10
Thursday 28 th	OFF for half term
Friday 29 th	OFF for half term
November	
Monday 1 st	OFF for half term
Tuesday 2 nd	OFF for half term
Wednesday 3 rd	Back to school
Thursday 4 th	Poppy Appeal
Monday 8 th - Thursday 11 th	Early Closure to facilitate Parent Teacher Interviews Collection Times Slot A @ 12:30 Slot B @12:40 and Slot C at 12:50pm More information to follow.
Friday 12 th	All Christmas Shoe Boxes to be left into school.