



# Ampertaine Primary School Newsletter



Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024

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## **BREAKFAST CLUB IS A MASSIVE SUCCESS- WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!**

**FREE Breakfast Club (8 – 8:40am)** All pupils **MUST** be in school by 8:20  
Our attendance at breakfast club ranges from 42 to 52 each morning!



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

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 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**



# Easter Bunny Drive a Success!

Thank you to all who attended out fabulous night of Bunny drawing at Ampertaine. We had over 100 people frantically drawing bunnies and screaming EASTER BUNNY!

The lucky guess of 247 won a certain young lady the large jar of sweet, our Easter Bunny has now been christened Jack and a very happy young man won an amazing Easter cake donated by the Jones family.

Top scores for both adults and children won eggs with extra prizes going to cutest bunny, best drawn bunny, most beautiful paws, and floppiest ears.

We hope you all had a great night and thank you to our PTA (Friends of Ampertaine) for organising the nights brilliant entertainment.

The noise, laughter and highly competition taking place on the hall that night was really special to see and enjoy. Thank you also to Mrs Ramsey, Mrs Penny, Mrs Cunningham and Mr Dillon for their help and support on the night. Parents and Staff working together for the good of the pupils.





## Sustrans – Big Walk 11<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Donna came to entertain and educate.



Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel inspires pupils to make active journeys to school, improve air quality in their neighbourhood and discover how these changes benefit their world.

Our pupil uptake compared to previous years was sadly very low. We are aware of the busy road and will look at organising people buses next year to assist those who had wished to take part.

Donna from Sustrans came to visit us on Wednesday and was very encouraged by the brilliant knowledge our pupils have. Donna said she looked forward to coming back to Ampertaine and to offer our school further opportunities.



## School Car Park

### We sadly still have people arriving before their time slots.



The system has no chance to even begin to work. This is frustrating for all.

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

Presently all pupils are being collected within 10 minutes of our system starting. The back log of cars is being contained within our carpark by 7/8 minutes taking the queue off the main road. 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. This is highly dangerous and thank you for your patience as we strive to solve this problem.



## **AR Targets and Star Certificates**

Well done to all for this months AR Targets and Star Certificates. Every pupil has the SAME opportunity to be a success at Ampertaine and achieve their best. They must seize the moment and put the hard work and effort in to reach their goals. A tremendous result to those who have shown that effort and worked at their level to be at the top for this month. Brilliant result for those pupils.



## **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>Monday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All pupils return to school- Normal collection times.</li> <li>Room 2 Dino Day</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CEF Club - P1+2 - 2-3pm P3-P7 3-4pm</li> <li>E.M.C - Transfer Prep 3-4pm</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Room 4 visit to the Flax Museum</li> <li>Drumming and Piping 3-4pm -P3-P7</li> <li>Educational Welfare Officer visit to Ampertaine</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We welcome Rev. Morrison to our assembly.</li> <li>CEF Club - P1+2 - 2-3pm P3-P7 3-4pm</li> <li>E.M.C - Transfer Prep 3-4pm</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Group Photos for P1 class and P7 class.</li> <li>Drumming and Piping 3-4pm -P3-P7</li> </ul>
<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>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> </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>

## Community News



**Easter  
Eggstravaganza**

Maghera Presbyterian  
Church Hall

**Easter Saturday  
10 am - noon**

**Fun for all the Family!**  
Games, Competitions, Races  
Egg Hunt, Refreshments, Cake Stall

**Everyone Welcome!**