



BIRCHES PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWS LETTER

January / February / March 2016

P1 Enrolment

Application forms for enrolment are available from school for any children wishing to start Primary One in September 2016 and **MUST** returned to school by **12 noon** on **Wednesday 13 January, 2016**.

Dinner Money Reminder

School meals cost £2.30 per day - £11.50 per week. Please consult the monthly menu and send the correct money on a **Monday** morning for the whole week. We are unable to lodge cheques and can only accept cash. Thank you.

Swimming Programme

The 8 week swimming programme for P5 children will begin on Tuesday 5 January. This will last for eight weeks and each lesson is 30 minutes long. Swimming lessons for P4 will commence after Easter.

Killicomaine P6 and P7 visit

On Wednesday 6 January members of staff and pupils from Killicomaine Junior High School will come and talk to children in P6 and P7 about their school and give them an opportunity to ask questions about life at Killicomaine JH.

Killicomaine Junior High School – Monday 11 January – ‘The Wizard of Oz’

Children from P6 and P7 will have the opportunity to visit Killicomaine Junior High School to watch their performance of ‘The Wizard of Oz’. They will leave school around 9.30am and will return in time for school dinner. There is an entrance charge of £2.00 per pupil. School will cover the cost of transport.

Big Action Cancer Bus – Wednesday 13 and Thursday 14 January

The Loughshore Group have arranged for another visit of the Big Action Cancer Bus. If you wish to find out more information regarding this and to make a booking, you can visit their website: www.actioncancer.org.

World War II Event - Friday 15 January

Children from P4 have been learning about World War II in World Around Us during the first term. They will be given the opportunity to visit the Palace Stables, Armagh on Friday 15 January and through various interactive activities they will explore ‘Life during the War’ focusing on the Blitz, Evacuees and Rationing.

Tri County Football - Tuesday 19 January

Children from the football team will be taking part in the indoor competition at Loughview Sports Centre on Tuesday 19 January. They will leave at 9.30am and will be back in time for school dinner.

Cinderella Rockerfella – P5, P6 and P7 Pantomime – Thursday 21 and Friday 22 January

Children from P5, P6 and P7 will be performing in our pantomime ‘Cinderella Rockerfella’ on Thursday 21 and Friday 22 January. Both performances begin at 7pm and entrance is by ticket only. Tickets will be on sale from Wednesday 13 January. Further information will follow.



Tri County Netball - Friday 22 January

On Friday 22 January children from the girls’ netball team will be taking part in the tournament at Dungannon Leisure Centre. They will leave at 9.30am and will be back in time for school dinner.

Hope For Youth Ministries – Monday 8 February to Wednesday 10 February

Colin Tinsley from Hope for Youth Ministries will be coming out to carry out interactive assemblies with all of the children in school on Monday 8, Tuesday 9 and Wednesday 10 February.

Clounagh Junior High School - Tuesday 9 February Joseph And The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Children from P6 and P7 will have the opportunity to visit Clounagh Junior High School to watch their performance of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. They will leave school around 9.30am and will return in time for school dinner. There is an entrance charge of £2.00 per pupil. School will cover the cost of transport.

Love Your Heart Day – Wednesday 10 February – NON UNIFORM DAY

On Wednesday 10 February Mrs Neill will be organising a special menu to focus on healthy foods which are important to maintain a healthy heart.

This will be a non-uniform day and the children will be encouraged to wear something red. There will be a charge of £1.00 and all proceeds will go to The British Heart Foundation.

School Photographer – Thursday 11 February

The photographer will come to school on Thursday 11 February to take individual and family group photographs. Further details will be sent home with the children.

Charities – Monday 22 February

This year the main charity we will be raising money for is NSPCC. This year NSPCC have joined with Childline. A representative will be coming out to talk to the children on Monday 22 February about how the money they raise will benefit the charity, this assembly will also include a general safeguarding talk to the whole school.

Childline Workshops with P6 and P7

Childline will be coming out to take workshops with children in P6 and P7. Further information will be sent home with the children regarding this.

After School Activities

Children from P4 to P7 have the opportunity to take part in a range of after school activities.

Activities will start at different times throughout the first term.

Monday 4 th for 3 weeks	Music and Drama (P5 P7 play practice)		2.35pm– 3.30pm
Tuesday 5 th January	Football (P4 – P7)	£1.50 per session	2.40pm – 3.40pm
Wednesday 13 th January	Journalism Club (P4 and P5)		2.35pm– 3.30pm
Wednesday 27 th January	Indoor Hockey (P6 and P7)		2.35pm– 3.30pm
Thursday 28 th	January Scrapbook Club	£9.00 for 6 weeks	2.35pm– 3.30pm

Money Wallets

Money wallets are still available to buy from school. These come in packs of 40 at a cost of £2.50. These can be purchased from your child's class teacher.

Friends Of Birches

We are delighted to announce that we made £450 at the school disco held in November.

The first prize draw took place before Christmas and tickets for the second prize draw are still available to buy in school. The draw will take place at the pantomime on Friday 22 January.

I would like to thank the committee and everyone who helped out at our fundraising events and helped provide refreshments at the school performance for The Cosy Club and Peatlands Playgroup.

Your help and support was very much appreciated by all of the staff.

