



September 2016 Newsletter 2

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

This letter has some new and updated information. Please make a note of the contents and respond where necessary.

Attention P1 Parents

Throughout September a number of local newspapers will call into school to take 'First Days at School' class photos. These will then be published as a supplement with the newspaper and serves as a lovely memory for the children in years to come.

For this reason it is essential that you send back the permission for photographs tomorrow if you have not already done so. Without this permission we will not be able to include your child in the photograph.

There is no obligation to say 'yes' to this permission and it is your decision as a parent, we just wouldn't want to leave anyone out unnecessarily.

Dinner Menu

We are still using the summer dinner menu sent home in term 3 last year so we have just issued these to our new P1 children. As soon as a new autumn menu is available we will send it out and put it up on the website. This will be after the Halloween holidays and will be called the winter menu. Check our website.

Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club is up and running again from 8.30am until 8.55am every morning. Please send a donation for this service.

Reminder-School Closed

School will be closed on Friday 30th September for Staff Professional Development.

Reminder-Permission Slips

On Friday last week every child in the school was given a sheet seeking parental permissions for some events and activities that take place on a regular basis in school. We need to hold these in school for the remainder of your child's stay with us. If you change your mind at any time you must come and tell us.

Please return these as soon as possible as we have launched a new vibrant website and the staff would like to put up class photos and keep you regularly updated about what is happening in school.

Some children also need to bring their 'walking home from school' slip back so that we have this important permission on record too.

Thank you.

Exciting News

Congratulations to Mrs. Conway and her husband on the birth of their baby boy Euan.

Mrs. Conway is enjoying being a new mum and will call in and see us all soon.

What's happening and when?

P1 Class Photos

Thursday 15th September- The Sentinel

Friday 16th September- The Derry News

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Wednesday 28th September- please support this very important cause in helping to improve the lives of people and families suffering from Cancer. All donations of baked goods for this event would be greatly appreciated.

The coffee morning will take place in the breakfast club beginning at 8.30am and finish at 9.30am. All proceeds will go to Macmillan. Thank you for your support.

Playgroup Bag Packing

Saturday 1st October at 'Sainsbury's'- The playgroup staff would like volunteers to help them with their fundraising event-even a few hours would be appreciated.

Travelling Book Fair

8th October-13th October Please come along and support this important event.

Opening times-8.30am-9.15am/2.30pm-3.15pm

Children can also bring money into school and the teachers will bring their class along during the day.

P7 Trip

Friday 21st October-Roe Valley Country Park
Details will follow closer to the time.

Save the Date

First Communion

Saturday 13th May 2017 at 11.30 am in St Columb's Church, Chapel Road

No dates for First Confession/ Confirmation as yet.

Term 1 After School Facilities 3pm-4pm

P1 and P2 children will continue to benefit from our extended school facility from 2pm to 3pm daily.

Please see below a timetable of what is available for P3-P7. Children must be collected promptly or have signed permission to walk home.

Mrs Burnside will resume netball on Thursdays as soon as the hall becomes available. We will try to source other clubs and inform you as they arise.

You may be able to or know of someone who is qualified to with children who could deliver a club for the children-if so please contact us. I would be interested in sourcing someone who could take a 'Line Dancing' club or something similar as we really want to keep the children as active as possible during this time.

Teaching staff that previously provided clubs will now be engaged in school improvement work which is so important if we are to continue to raise standards and achievements.

Family Homework

Please take some time over the next week or so and access our new website with your child.

Tell us what you think of it and any suggestions for what more information you might need to help you and us to communicate better.

I hope to add notices as they arise.

You can write your feedback down or pass the information through your child.

Thank you.

Medicine Policy

We have updated our Medicine Policy to reflect current legislation and ensure our procedures are in line with what is considered 'best practice' for staff and pupils.

The policy is lengthy and detailed and has important information for parents. It does involve filling out some paperwork so that our records are correct and up to date.

This policy will be available to view online on our website. You can also request a paper copy from the school office.

In the interim, I would ask any parent who has a child with long term medical needs to contact the class teacher or myself so we can ensure arrangements are in place to meet your child's needs.

For any child who has been sick and returning to school on antibiotics- we have been advised the following:

****If it is a 3 times a day antibiotic-you can give it in the morning before school, at home time and at bedtime.**

****If it a 4 times a day antibiotic- come and talk to me in the morning before school and I will explain how we can help you. (Medicine must be clearly labelled with child's name and dosage otherwise we cannot administer it.)**

****We cannot administer medicine such as 'Calpol' unless it has been prescribed by the doctor and therefore will have the pharmacist sticker stating child's name and dosage.**

****No child should have medicine in their possession or school bag as this presents a serious risk.**

If your child has been suspected of or confirmed as having a nut allergy we need to know urgently.

As parents you are the experts about your child's medical needs but we are here to help. I would encourage you to come and talk to us if you have any questions in relation to any of the above. Occasionally there can be teething problems with new procedures but once established these routines will operate quite smoothly. The most important thing is that the children are happy, safe and well.

You can also refer to: Supporting Pupils with Medication Needs (Dept of Health, Social Services & Public Safety/DENI

Weekly Class Awards

Every Friday children will have a short award ceremony in their classrooms. Staff will take a photo of the children (if they have permission) and add to the website so that we can celebrate the children's achievements.

Healthly Eating

As you know we have a fruit delivery here for the children to buy fruit. (£1 weekly)

I would encourage you to use this service. There is a variety of fruit available and it is excellent value for money.

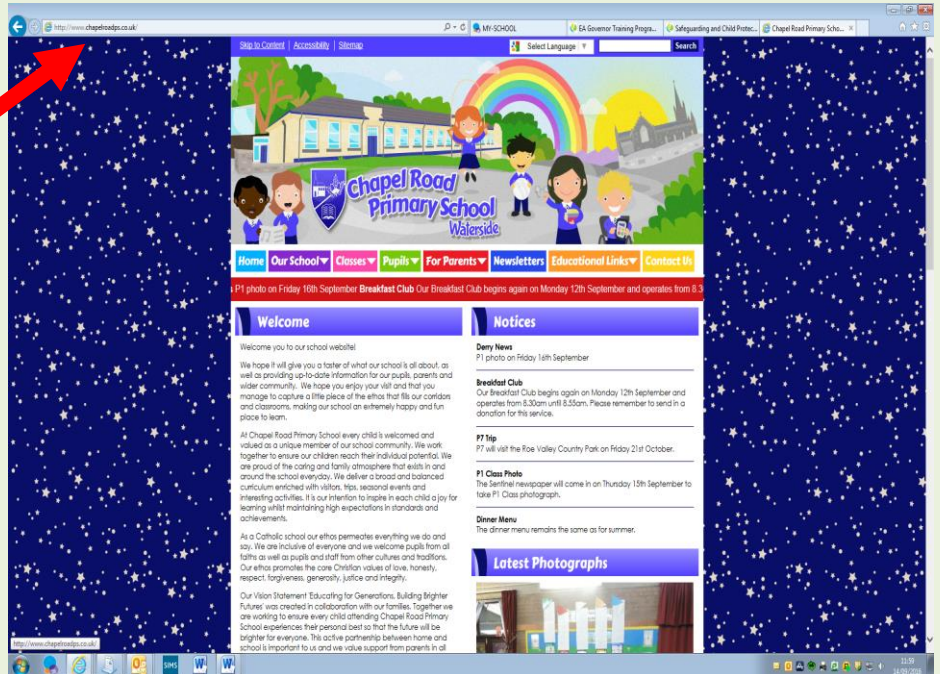
Our fruit man was telling us that he has 25 additional schools this year so other schools are now following in our footsteps.

We are very excited and proud to present our new website!

Accessing the website

Until we get lots of 'hits' we need you to type www.chapelroadps.co.uk into the address bar at the top of the page rather than to google us.

Once we are established you will find us on google however if you download the app it will be much quicker.



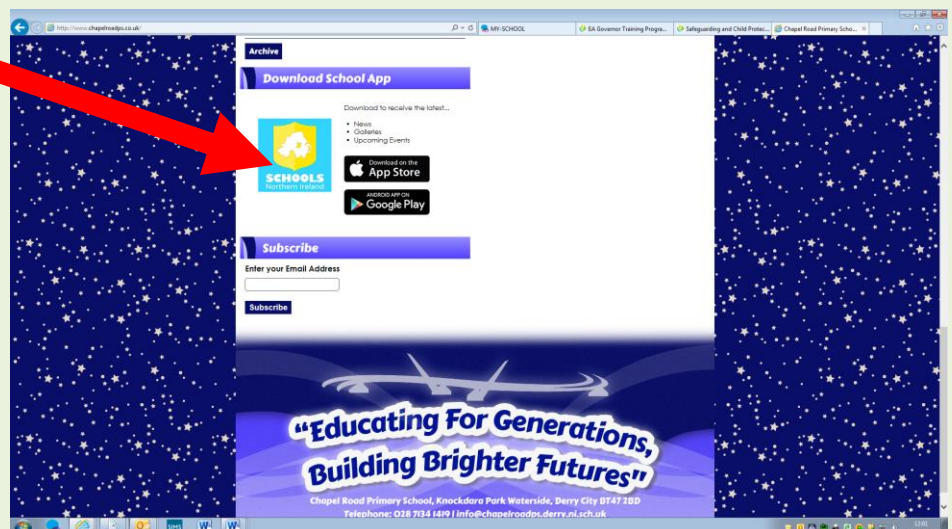
Over the next few weeks the staff and pupils will be filling the class pages with photos and information for you to access 24 hours a day. We will also be uploading policies, holidays and other important information.

We would encourage you to download the 'Schools Northern Ireland' App onto your phone so that you can access the information you need quickly.

We are hoping that this will continue to improve communication between school and home.

Please visit the website regularly to see the new notices as they arise.

Download the App



Term 1**After School Activities**

Day 3pm-4pm	Who can attend?	Club	Information	Cost
Monday	P1-P7	Irish Dancing	With Patricia Mc Laughlin in the hall. This is a fantastic opportunity for your child to learn a new skill and also to get some valuable exercise. Irish dancing helps develop stamina, agility, balance and co-ordination as well as sequencing and attention and listening. It also encourages independence and social skills. I would encourage you to send your child to this club for all the reasons above.	£3 per week Please ensure you give Patricia your contact details.
Tuesday	P4-P7	Homework with Mrs Mc Guckin in P1 classroom	Mrs Mc Guckin will supervise while children complete their homework.	no cost
Wednesday	P7	Literacy/Numeracy	Mr Morrison-P7 classroom	no cost
Wednesday	P3-P7	Sports/Games	Maiden City Sports will deliver a range of important Sports activities using qualified coaches. These blocks will run for 5 weeks at a time and a letter will be sent explaining what you need to do to attend. With health and well-being so important for us all this is an excellent opportunity for your child to avail of the recommended exercise as well as developing so many motor skills.	£2 per week £10 for each 5 week blocks payable to MCS.
Thursday	P4-P7	Multi-sports	A qualified Ulster GAA coach will deliver a range of sports over a 6 week block beginning 21 st September.	no cost
Thursday	P3-P7	Film Club	Library with Miss Kerr This club is designed to develop Literacy skills through interactive online feedback where the children have the opportunity to review the film they have watched and express their opinion. The online feedback and review exercise encourages thinking skills and confidence in their ability to share their thoughts and ideas.	£1 per week

Cut this reply slip off and return as soon as possible. Keep the clubs sheet above at home.

Reply Slip Term 1 After School Activities

Child's Name _____ Class _____

My child will attend the club(s) listed below

Signed _____ Date _____