



JANUARY 2023 Newsletter



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Dear families and friends

HAPPY NEW YEAR to everyone. We hope 2023 brings good health and happiness to us all. As always, we have hit the ground running and the boys and girls are busy learning and enjoying being at our lovely school.

Please take a few minutes to read through this newsletter and make a note of any relevant dates for your diary. You will also be alerted on a daily/weekly basis to a range of updates and school reminders via the website messaging service.

THANK YOU for your good wishes and thoughtful feedback over the Christmas season. We are grateful and appreciate it all. The children and staff were just amazing, and the shows were enjoyed by all who attended.

325 CLUB NEWS

The club will not be available on the dates below. (Please make a note of these)

- Thursday 26th January 2023 (staff training)
- Friday 10th February 2023 (half day-disco)
- Thursday 16th March 2023 (half day-Ceili)
- Wednesday 5th April 2023 (half day Easter holidays)
- Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd June 2023.

The club will finish on Wednesday 28th June 2023 for this academic year. You can email us if you have any further questions. info@chapelroadps.derry.ni.sch.uk

I want to alert you in advance that there may be occasions when I must cancel this club at late notice. This will happen if there is insufficient staff to supervise it safely or on days when there is adverse weather such as snow/icy conditions.

Safety will be at the forefront.

Prompt collection at 4.00pm and 5.00pm is expected.

NETBALL FESTIVAL

The netball club will be attending the Foyle Arena on Monday 16th January (11.00am-2.30pm) to take part in a local Netball Festival. The first activity will be a Good Relations Workshop followed by mixed school coaching activities and match play. The aim of the day is for pupils to meet people from other schools. Pupils should bring a packed lunch and water bottle. Lunch will be provided for children in receipt of Free School Meals, but an additional bottle of water would be advised. All jewellery should be removed, and long hair tied back. A rainproof coat will be needed if it is a wet day. I am sure it will be an enjoyable day.

REMINDER TIN WHISTE CLUB-TUESDAYS (P5-P7)

Term 2			
10 th Jan	7 th Feb	7 th March	4 th April
17 th Jan	21 st Feb	14 th March	Easter hols
24 th Jan	28 th Feb	21 st March	
31 st Jan		28 th March	



RYAN MC BRIDE FOOTBALL

A letter has been sent home today with the P5, P6 & P6 children.

MULTISPORTS TERM 2

A letter was sent home in school bags on Friday 6/1/2023.

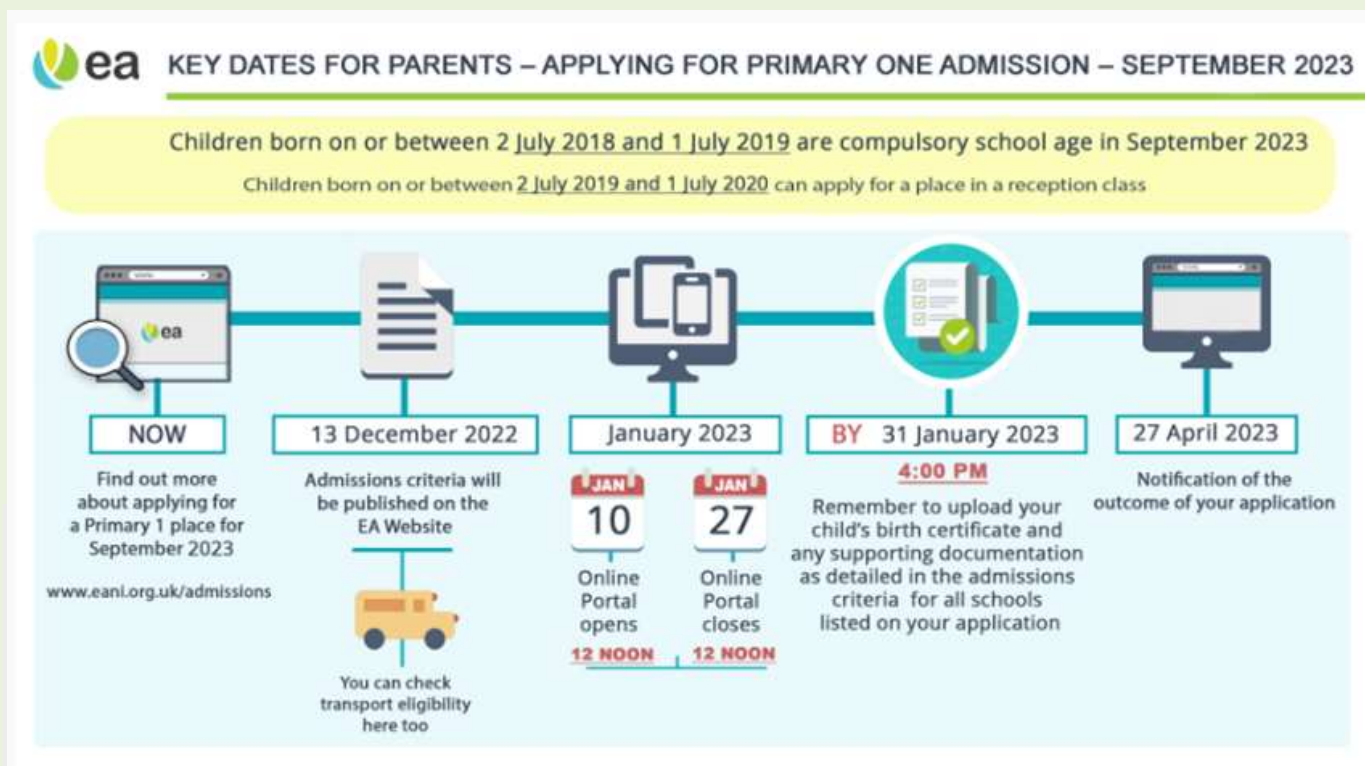
ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

It is now time to apply for a Playgroup and or P1 place starting September 2023. Please get in touch if your child is eligible to apply or share with friends and family who have children of this age.

I have been showing prospective parents around and so many have made appointments based on recommendations from our families which is so lovely to hear. Thank you.

The online application process for entry into P1 can be time-consuming. We can support you if you wish. If you experience any difficulties or have a question specific to our school, please do not hesitate to contact us on 028 71341419. We will do our best to answer any questions or queries you may have. Advice and support are also available from the Admissions Helpdesk 028 9598 5595.

[Primary School Admissions Guide](#) | [Education Authority Northern Ireland \(eani.org.uk\)](#)



CATHOLIC SCHOOL'S WEEK

Catholic School's Week is celebrated annually. This year it will be celebrated in the week beginning the 29th January to the 4th February. The theme of this year is 'Walking Together in Faith & love'.

To launch CSW Bishop Mc Keown will celebrate Mass at 10.00am on Thursday 26th January in St. Eugene's Cathedral via the webcam <http://www.steugenescathedral.com/webcam.html>

Please join the children in the school for Mass online if you are free to do so. The children will engage in a range of activities throughout the week as they explore what it means to 'Walk Together in Faith & Love'.

ANNUAL GRANDPARENT'S DAY

This year we will celebrate Grandparent's Day on Friday 3rd February at 9.30am in the assembly hall. All welcome to attend.

FAO LOCAL CHILDMINDERS

We are often asked if we can provide names of local childminders. If you would be willing to add your name to a list or would like us to signpost parents to your setting, please let us know. Miss Blee in the playgroup has also been asked for help with available services.

REMINDER FEBRUARY HALF TERM

School will close for HALF TERM at 12 noon on Friday 10th February 2023. We are off from Monday 13th to Friday 17th February 2023.

Children return to school on Monday 20th February 2023.

FRIDAY 10th FEBRUARY 2023

WEAR RED FOR CHILDREN'S HEARTBEAT TRUST

Bring £1.00 to support this charity.



REMINDER-ADVERSE WEATHER/ SNOW ARRANGEMENTS



Luckily, we do not experience too many days where we feel that we may not be able to open the school or that weather conditions may hinder attendance at school. To put it into context, children are expected to attend 185 school days so we are only talking about a very small number of days when adverse weather conditions may cause us an issue. We try not to dwell on these days but focus on all the other happy days we come to school.

In the event of adverse weather conditions, the most important factor is the Health & Safety of every member of our school community.

To ensure you do not feel under pressure or put anyone in a situation where children or adults are at risk, we would encourage you to carefully assess the weather conditions before making the journey to school. We understand that a large number of families including staff live in areas where there are steep hills and untreated roads. We do not want anyone to worry about the journey to school. We also understand that parents and guardians have the added pressure of needing to get to work on time. Unfortunately, we cannot predict or change bad weather, but we can offer solutions to help us have a more pleasant experience.

Please note the following:

As far as is possible we will always try to open the school, however, on the very rare occasion where it is deemed too dangerous, a message will be sent through the website and on Facebook at the earliest opportunity.

In the event of adverse weather, there is no immediate rush required to get to school. Children will be marked in for the morning session if they arrive in school before 10.30am. Just contact the office to let us know.

If you can avoid driving up the hill to the school, please do so as it can be very slippery, especially around school time when traffic is going in both directions. A later arrival will also mean you will miss some of the congestion. A number of parents used the entrance down at Shepherd's Glen last year and they found this an easier route.



FIRST CONFESSION-PRIMARY 4

Thursday 9th March 2023 at 1.30pm in St. Columb's Chapel. Chapel Road.



FIRST COMMUNION-PRIMARY 4

Saturday 20th May 2023 at 11.30am in St. Columb's Chapel. Chapel Road.

CONFIRMATION-PRIMARY 7

Saturday 25th March 2023 at 11.30am in St. Columb's Chapel. Chapel Road.

Our school holidays list can be viewed on our school website.



Thank you for your continued support in all that we do.

Mrs. Bacheta and staff