



# Ebrington Primary School

## February 2017

## Newsletter



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### **February 2017**

Long January is over! A very busy February is about to begin.

### **Parental Interviews**

Full Parental Interviews for Years 1 - 6 commenced on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2017. We hope all parents will attend as interviews are a vital link between home and school and should prove beneficial to all!

### **AQE/Interviews**

Many of our Year 7 pupils received their AQE test results on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2017 and are delighted with the performance of all our Year 7 pupils. However, we realise that



this “unregulated” system and the waiting on results can cause

anxiety and uncertainty for parents and pupils. School will continue to advice and support families on choices for secondary school through the “Transfer Interviews” which also commenced on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2017.



### **Valentine's Disco**

The P.T.A. have organised a Year 4-7 Valentine Disco on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017 – 7.00 pm to 8.30 pm in the school assembly hall – admission £2.

- Entry for pupils will be through the door directly opposite Miss Caithness's Nursery.
- Pick up from outside Miss Caithness's nursery – giving parents room to assemble for collection of children.
- Tuck shop available.
- Dress to impress as it is close to St. Valentine's Day.

- Remember: Parents may use our large car park at the Lapwing Way entrance as well as parking facilities at the Canteen end of the school.

### **Industrial Action**

As I am sure you will beware, teachers throughout the province are involved in legitimate industrial action.



The decision to close the school or send pupils home is never taken lightly but in this instance, staff in Ebrington have decided not to go on strike at present. However, if the situation changes, we will of course let parents know well in advance both in writing and by text.

### **NEW SCHOOL**

### **NURSERY PICTURE BELOW**



Just a reminder that we will be organising familiarisation/visits to our new school for all pupils and running a series of information afternoons / evenings for parents. These information sessions will be held in our new school premises

In the meantime, here is some information on the most frequently asked questions.

**Q.** Will Foyle College be opening at the same time?

**Ans.** No – I would estimate that Foyle College will be opening around a year from now. This will give Ebrington Primary School a chance to bed in our routines when the site will be less busy.

**Q.** Are there parking and drop off facilities?

**Ans.** We have a dedicated car park and drop off facilities at Broomhill Avenue. There will be good car parking and drop off facilities coming in off the Limavady Road and leading up to the school. A one way loop system will allow parents to drive around if they cannot find a parking space the first time. In the near future there will be a Greenway from Lapwing Way through to Caw for pedestrians. This is now in the hands of Derry City and Strabane Council.

**Q.** Would it be possible to wait and move into the new school in the summer?

**Ans.** Unfortunately this is not possible. The EA must take ownership of the building the moment 'Heron Brothers' have completed and signed off on the work. Not to do so would incur huge costs for the EA and leave us running two buildings.

**Q.** Does the school really need to close in March to allow the move to happen?

**Ans.** Trust me – we are taking the bare minimum to make this move. It should be remembered that some of these days have been granted by the Department of Education, the others are days that we would have been closed. The situation is more complicated for Ebrington as we are moving sites.

**Q.** Will there be lots of new routines for pupils and parents?

**Ans.** There will be lots of new routines for staff, parents and pupils. Staff will meet to draw up these new routines so we will be able to offer consistent advice to all our parents and pupils.



Change is not easy but I think we should all be looking forward to our fabulous new school and the staff and I can't wait to show it off to you at the familiarisation days.

**Side View of Primary School**



**Internal view - inside of school.**



## Dates for your Dates

Mon 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan – Thur 2 Feb 17	Parental Interviews
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb '17	Nursery Curriculum Meeting (7.30 pm)
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> February '17	PTA Disco Year 4 - 7 (7 – 8.30 pm)
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> , Thur 9 <sup>th</sup> & Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Principal and EA to receive training on New Building.
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb '17	Half Term (School Closed).
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> February '17	Building Handover
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February '17	EA Deliveries (new furniture) and access for staff to New School.
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March '17	N.I. Election (school closed).
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> – Thur 16 <sup>th</sup> March '17	C2K/Capita (all computer equipment relocated and made operational).
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> Thur 16 <sup>th</sup> March '17	School Closed
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March '17	St. Patrick's Day – School Closed.
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> March '17	1 <sup>st</sup> Day New School.



**Every Child  
Every Chance  
Every Day**

