



EBRINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Welcome Back

2017-2018

NEW SCHOOL YEAR – NEW CHALLENGES – NEW FUN

All Parents

It is with a great sense of privilege that I welcome back everyone to Ebrington Primary and Nursery school for our first full year in this wonderful new building. We extend a special welcome to all our new pupils and families and hope your association with the school will be a happy and fruitful one.

The children all arrived smiling and looked very smart, healthy and well rested, so thank you for that! It was a shame that our summer seemed to fizzle out in August, but the children have all had some lovely stories to tell us about their holidays nevertheless. My goodness what a well-travelled lot they are – the destination list was endless.

Strive for Success

Ebrington has delivered a high quality education for many years and I look forward to taking us towards an ever more exciting future! A central theme for our work will be high expectations in everything from behaviour to progress!

In order to achieve our goals we ALL need to work in partnership and thankfully we have always had great support from you - our parents.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE FIRST KEY OPPORTUNITY
TO CEMENT OUR PARTNERSHIP BY ATTENDING
YOUR CHILD'S CURRICULUM EVENING.

Challenge

This year, 2017/2018, we need to consolidate and develop our new school especially the outside space. This will require careful planning and a lot of money if we are to eventually provide: -

Sandpits, climbing frames, playhouses, fitness trails and general outdoor play equipment for ALL age groups.

Not easy at a time when we have no Assembly, no Minister for Education and face huge budget cuts.

Did you know that Primary and Nursery schools are to receive £56 less per pupil this year than in 2017? This represents a loss of £26,500 for Ebrington.

Challenge

We also look forward to Foyle College moving into their new school to complete the co-location. This will hopefully happen in January 2018. At this stage it really is hard to gauge the impact this move will have on traffic etc. But we do look forward to forging close links with Foyle at all levels.

Challenge

The opening of the Clooney Greenway will have a massive effect on reducing traffic right across all roads leading to the schools, keeping congestion to a minimum. Therefore, we must ALL continue to lobby Derry City and Strabane council to bring this project to fruition as soon as possible.

Challenge

The EA (Education Authority) have issued new guidance on 'official openings' of schools. We will be working closely with the EA personnel to secure a date and plan towards the official opening of Ebrington P.S and Nursery – watch this space!

An 'Update' will be issued shortly with the usual reminders and advice on homework, attendance, uniform, holidays, after schools and key dates.

I look forward to working with all parents in the coming year and should you have any queries relating to your child's education, please do not hesitate to contact me.

We want all our pupils to have a safe, secure and positive experience throughout 2017/2018.

W N Dougherty
Principal

Holiday List – 2017-2018

Autumn Term

Half Term

Staff Development Day

Christmas Holidays

Monday 30th Oct – Thursday 2nd Nov 2017
Friday 3rd November 2017 (School Closed)
Thursday 21st December 2017
(School closes after Carol Service 11.30 am approx.)

Spring Term

Staff Development Day

School Re-opens

Staff Development Day

Half Term

St Patrick's Day Holiday

Easter Holidays

Wednesday 3rd January 2018 (School Closed)
Thursday 4th January 2018
Monday 12th February 2018 (School Closed)
Tuesday 13th – Friday 16th February 2018
Monday 19th March 2018
Wednesday 28th March 2018
(School closes at 12 noon)

Summer Term

Staff Development Day

School Re-opens

1st Bank Holiday

2nd Bank Holiday

Staff Development Day

End of Term

Wednesday 11th April 2018 (School Closed)
Thursday 12th April 2018
Monday 7th May 2018
Monday 28th May 2018
Tuesday 29th May 2018
Friday 29th June 2018
(School closes at 12 noon)

(ALL NEWSLETTERS ARE CURRENTLY ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE)