



Calendar for February, March and April

Please take note of the dates below:

17th February

– School closed for half term

18th February

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21st February

– Multi Skill after school (Year 1 to Year 3) – 2pm to 3pm
– Football after school (Year 4 to Year 7) – 3pm to 4pm

22nd February

– Volleyball (Year 1 to Year 3) – 2pm to 3pm
– Volleyball (Year 4 to Year 7) – 3pm to 4pm

24th February

– Piano with Mrs Hanna
– Eco Club 3pm to 4pm
– Board of Governors' Meeting @ 7:00pm

28th February

– Multi Skill after school (Year 1 to Year 3) – 2pm to 3pm
– Football after school (Year 4 to Year 7) – 3pm to 4pm

1st March

– Volleyball (Year 1 to Year 3) – 2pm to 3pm
– Volleyball (Year 4 to Year 7) – 3pm to 4pm

3rd March

– Piano with Mrs Hanna
– Eco Club 3pm to 4pm
– World Book Day

7th March

– Multi Skill after school (Year 1 to Year 3) – 2pm to 3pm
– Football after school (Year 4 to Year 7) – 3pm to 4pm

8th March

– Lyric Theatre Performance for Year 5, Year 6 and Year 7.
– Volleyball (Year 1 to Year 3) – 2pm to 3pm
– Volleyball (Year 4 to Year 7) – 3pm to 4pm

10th March

– Piano with Mrs Hanna
– Eco Club 3pm to 4pm

14th March

– Multi Skill after school (Year 1 to Year 3) – 2pm to 3pm
– Football after school (Year 4 to Year 7) – 3pm to 4pm

15th March

– Volleyball (Year 1 to Year 3) – 2pm to 3pm
– Volleyball (Year 4 to Year 7) – 3pm to 4pm

17th March

– School closed St Patrick's Day

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TOBERMORE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Issue No. 8

January/February 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we prepare to take some time off for half term, I want to take the opportunity for your continued support during the first part of Term 2. We have had an extremely busy half term and the children have been extremely hardworking both inside and outside of the classroom.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff who have shown great dedication to all the pupils in Tobermore Primary School. The children are very lucky to have such creative, passionate, and caring staff.

Please continue to check out our school website and school Facebook page to keep up to date with all that is going on in Tobermore Primary School over the second part of Term 2.

Mr Cheevers

Free School Meals and Uniform Entitlement

If you feel that your child/children are entitled to Free School Meals or a Uniform Allowance, please contact Mrs Robb in the school office or use the link below.

<https://www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals-school-uniform-allowance>

Absent notes

If your child is absent from school for any reason, please can you complete an '**Absent Form**' and return it to your child's teacher. These can be downloaded from the website, or a copy can be collected from your child's teacher.

Attendance is a key part of school life; therefore, it is very important to attend school as good attendance is crucial in raising standards in education and ensuring that every child can have full access to the school curriculum and reach their full potential.

Child Protection/Safeguarding

Mrs Speers is our Designated Teacher for Child Protection and Safeguarding and Mr Cheevers is our Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection and Safeguarding. Please remember that if you have any concerns about your own child or another child outside school, you should share these concerns with **Mrs Speers** (Designated Teacher for Child Protection and Safeguarding), **Mr Cheevers** (Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection and Safeguarding) or **Mr K. Quigley** (Designated Governor for Child Protection and Safeguarding).

Pupil of the Month Awards and Other Certificates

Pupil have received their January Pupil of the Month Awards and will receive their February awards when they return to school after half term. Additionally, we have also handed out certificates for children who have been performing well in Nelly, Studyladder and Accelerated Reading. All the staff are so proud of all our pupils who have achieved success by gaining any of these certificates. Well done!

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club begins at 8:20am every morning and costs **80 pence** per day. If you are interested in sending your child to Breakfast Club, please contact Mr Cheevers for more information.

Extra-Curricular Activities

The children in Year 1 – 3 have enjoyed their Multi Skills programme with Reuben and Volleyball with Chris on Monday and Tuesday respectfully.

Our Year 4 to Year 7 children have been taking part in football after school on Monday with Reuben and Volleyball with Chris on Tuesday afternoon. It is great to see our children taking part in these activities and learning new skills.

Eco Committee – After School Club

After half term, Mrs Hawthorne, and Mr Hunter our student teacher from Stranmillis University College, will be taking a club on Thursday afternoon. The children will be growing their own produce and hope to achieve an award at the end of the year.

This will also go towards helping our Eco Committee to renew our Green Flag. We are really excited about growing our own produce.

School Website and Facebook

Please keep up to date with any new information and news over the school year via our online platforms, our school website and Facebook page.

Engage Programme

Mrs Smyth/Miss O'Neill continue to support the children in our Engage Programme funded by the EA. This is helping support groups of children in Year 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 with aspects of Literacy.



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– Volleyball (Year 1 to Year 3) – 2pm to 3pm
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31st March
– Piano with Mrs Hanna
– Eco Club 3pm to 4pm

4th April
– Multi Skill after school (Year 1 to Year 3) – 2pm to 3pm
– Football after school (Year 4 to Year 7) – 3pm to 4pm

5th April
– Volleyball (Year 1 to Year 3) – 2pm to 3pm
– Volleyball (Year 4 to Year 7) – 3pm to 4pm

7th April
– Piano with Mrs Hanna
– Eco Club 3pm to 4pm

11th April
– School finishes for Easter Holidays at 11:30am for all pupils.

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School Dinners

Please remember to check the website for updates to our dinner menu. Dinners cost £2.60 per day and if possible, please can all money be sent to school at the start of the week.

Visitors to School

We have been pleased to welcome in Pastor Dundas, Reverend Boyd, Reverend Diffin, and Emma Reid from CEF, to take class assemblies over January and February. The pupils in each class have enjoyed the messages from the scripture.

IFA Virtual Tour

A huge thank you to the IFA for taking the children from Year 3 to Year 7 on a virtual tour of the Windsor Park. The children had a wonderful time learning all about the national stadium.

World Book Day

This year we will be celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March. Children are encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character on this day. There will also be lots of other activities around World Book Day being completed in school during this week.

Children are asked to recreate the front cover or another illustration of their favourite (or a book they enjoyed) book, by inserting themselves into the image. They can be as imaginative as they want.

Year 7 – Entrance Examinations Results

Well done to all our children in Year 7 who received their GL Entrance Examination results at the beginning of February. Everyone in Tobermore Primary School is so proud of you and all the hard work you have put into preparing this examination.

PTA

Please remember our PTA are now registered with Easy Fundraising, which means you can help our PTA for FREE. Over 4,000 shops and sites will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! All you need to do is sign up and remember to use easyfundraising whenever you shop online. It's easy and completely FREE! These donations really mount up, so please sign up to support us at: -

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/tobermoreprimarypta/?utm_campaign=raisemore&utm_medium=email&utm_content=en-n1

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A huge thank you to our PTA for holding our New Year raffle. Thank you to everyone who bought squares and the local businesses who supported our raffle. PTA have also donated a sum of money to support our Extra Curricular activities on a Monday and Tuesday.

Homework

From Monday to Thursday your child receives homework from their teacher. This homework can be a learning homework, a written homework, or a reading homework. Homework is set to strengthen the already positive relationships that we have in Tobermore Primary School between staff and parents and to acknowledge the role that parents play in supporting their child's learning. Parents are key to helping support and develop their child's learning.

In addition, homework is set to allow you to see what activities your child is completing in school and how they are getting on in school and to continue to create a learning environment at home. In Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 children will require more 1 to 1 support as they are learning key concepts such as letter sounds, number recognition, etc.

Please ensure that you check in your child's school bag or folder daily as it is an integral way of communicating with the school as well as allowing you to check and complete homework. We appreciate your support with this.

Internet Safety Day

The children worked very hard to learn more about Internet Safety Day in February. They worked extremely hard completing a variety of activities to learn the importance of keeping safe when online.

Constable Wendy Stevenson came into school to talk to all the children about keeping safe online too. Well done everyone for working so hard and keeping safe online.

Dogs Trust

A huge thank you to Cathy from Dogs Trust for coming into school and talking to our children about being safe around dogs. The children really enjoyed learning about how dogs act and how to keep safe around them.

Important Dates

On **Monday 11th April** school will finish at **11:30 am** for all pupils for Easter Holidays.

On **Monday 25th April** and **Thursday 28th April**, the week after we return from Easter holidays, school will close at **2:00pm** for all children. Staff will be taking part in training and the 2:00pm finish on these days will help facilitate this.

Tobermore Primary School will be closed on **Thursday 5th May** for the Northern Ireland Assembly Election.

If you wish to check on any of the events that have been mentioned in our newsletter, please check our school website or our Facebook page.