

Annalong Primary Matters

April-June 2023

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

It is hard to believe we are at the end of the Spring term. I have highlighted below some of the key dates and information for the Summer Term. I hope you have an enjoyable Easter break.

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Term Dates

Return to school - Monday 17th April

Bank Holidays – Monday 1st May

- Monday 8th May (Additional Bank Holiday)
- Monday 29th May

School Development Day – Tuesday 30th May
(Pupils do not have to attend school on this day)

Term Ends on Friday 30th June at 12 noon

The full holiday list can be found on The Annalong PS App (Parent Area) and on the school website.

The **2023-2024 Holiday List** is now on the school website and on the School App.

Extended Schools – After-school Clubs

2-3 club will resume on Monday 24th April and this term it will be available for P1 pupils from Monday-Thursday each week at a cost of £1.50 per day. If there is any availability for other pupils to attend, we will let you know.

Small Talk NI will continue their sessions from Monday 17th April for Nursery and Primary 1. This is an additional block of sessions that we have been able to receive due to extra funding.

Kickon will offer P3 five sessions every Wednesday from 26th April to Wednesday 24th May from 2pm-3pm. Kickon will offer P2 five sessions every Wednesday from 31st May – Wednesday 28th June from 2pm-3pm. This will be at a cost of £1.50 per week. Bookings can be made after Easter.

P5-7 After-school football will continue on Wednesday 19th April. This session is part of the original booking.

We have received additional funding to allow us to offer Kickon sessions at a reduced cost of £1.50 per session from Wednesday 26th April until Wednesday 28th June. **This will be now open to pupils from P4-P7.** Bookings can be made after Easter.

Dates for the Summer Term

We have decided on quite a few dates for the Summer term as early as possible. These are provisional dates and further information will be available closer to the time.

17th-19th April – P1 (School Nurse)

19th April – Boys Football Team – St Columban's, Kilkeel at 1pm

20th April – P7 Cycling Proficiency begins 2pm-3pm

24th April – Love for Life Transition programme for P7

26th April – Girls Football Team – Kilkeel Primary School at 1pm

2nd May – P7 Leavers photographs

3rd – 5th May P7 Residential at Greenhill, Newcastle

10th May – Boys Football Team – St Mary's, Newcastle at 1pm

2nd June – School Sportsday 1.30pm-3pm

8th June – P4, 5, 6 + 7 Trip to W5, Belfast

14th June – Girls Football Team – Kilkeel Primary School at 1pm

20th June – P1 and P2 Trip to Fort Evergreen

21st June – P3 Trip to Mountpanther Farm

All these dates will be added to the school calendar on the school website. If you click subscribe on your smart phone these dates will be added to your calendar on your phone. Further information will be given by the class teacher.

Homework

Homework will resume on Monday 17th April for all classes.

Attendance

Please continue to provide a reason why your child is off using the absence form on the school app in the Parent Area.

New guidance states that pupils should be off school for a minimum of 3 days after a positive Covid-19 test or symptoms but please ensure they are well enough to return to school.

If your child suffers from diarrhoea or vomiting, they should remain at home for 48 hours after their last bout of sickness.

Social Media

The school has now launched a **Facebook page** to further promote the school in the local community. This will prove to be extremely useful. Messages on the Facebook page will not be monitored. We are regularly updating our school website so please look out for information and pictures of activities in your child's class at www.annalongps.com

The **Annalong Primary School App** continues to be a great success and is used to book activities, pay for school meals, communicate with parents and notify us of absences. **The App will be our main form of communication with parents.**

Download the App from the App Store and use access code 11111 to log on for the first time. If you continue to have difficulties, then please contact the school. Please ensure you have notifications switched on for your child's class.

Queries/Concerns

Just to remind you that most day-to-day queries/concerns can be answered by the class teachers. If you need to see a teacher about a more serious issue, please make an appointment to see the teacher or Mr Chambers at an appropriate time.

Mr Chambers will be available after school Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and during school on Monday - Wednesday.

School Contact Details

Email: pchambers413@c2kni.net

Phone – 02843768336 or use the **Communication form on the School App.**

Please remember that we are a nut aware school. Products containing nuts or traces of nuts must not be brought to school.