



Dear Parents,

### **Nursery – P6 Parent/Teacher Interviews**

The parent interview week will be w/c Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October, and all P1-7 children will finish school at 2pm for the duration of this week. This is difficult for staff to organise so please help by agreeing to one meeting per family rather than separate appointments. To this end, only parents with parental responsibility should attend the meeting.

### **School Meals**

If you think you might be entitled to claim free school meals please contact the office as soon as possible, even if your child would prefer packed lunches. This may allow the school to claim additional funds, which can benefit your child in other ways. Please ask Ms Buchanan in the school office for more information.

### **Dietary Needs**

If your child has a specific dietary need please ensure that you have completed the form on the school app and return it to the school office as soon as possible. Medical needs will require an authorised signature and a meeting with the School Meals Kitchen staff.

### **PSA**

Huge thanks to the PSA who managed to raise an astonishing £27,000 for the school last year. These funds will be used for all pupils in the school throughout the year, but the first purchases will be new interactive whiteboards for all P1 and P2 classrooms. With an ever-decreasing school budget, these funds are vital to support the work of the teachers in the school to ensure that our children have the best possible education.

### **School Office**

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Susie Hall to our administration team in the school office. Mrs Hall will be working alongside Ms Buchanan every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

### **Accelerated Reader**

Mrs Wilson has been replenishing her prize box for the Accelerated Reader scheme. Once again, thank you to all parents, grandparents, friends and local businesses for their enormous support to this scheme. Please send any donations to the office or directly to Mrs Wilson.

### **Family Daily Mile**

Our Family Daily Mile will be held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October. Mrs Shields will issue further information in due course.

### **Parking and Speed**

It wouldn't be a monthly update without a parking notice! Please be very mindful of the local residents and do not park across driveways. We have worked very hard in recent years to build up relationships with our neighbours and this is very important to us. As always, we will work with PSNI and local traffic enforcement officers to maintain this good level of support. Also, please take care with your speed around the school. The children are our number one priority and their safety is paramount above getting to school or work on time.

## Uniform

Please ensure that full school uniform is worn each day. This includes black school shoes and not trainers. If pupils have earrings, small studs should be worn and not hoops for safety reasons during games, PE and break/lunch times.

## Harvest

We will be holding special Harvest assemblies on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October for all Key Stages. During this week we would like to donate food to Sustain foodbank (Newtownbreda Baptist Church). All donations of food items will be gratefully received and distributed within our local community. Further information on specific foods will be issued in the coming weeks.

## ECO/Forest School Day

Mrs Barnes and Mr Oliver have organised an ECO/Forest Schools Day for Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October. There will be opportunities for all pupils to take part in ECO and Forest School activities on this day. Further details will be issued in due course.

## Coffee Morning

A coffee morning will be held on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October from 8.50am – 10.00am. This will be to raise funds for Children's Cancer Unit at the Royal Victoria Hospital. Further notifications will be issued closer to the time.

## Diary Dates

Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	P7 Parent Interviews (P7 finish at 2pm on 29 <sup>th</sup> - 1 <sup>st</sup> )
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	P2 Pirate Day
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>All pupils finish at 2pm</b> for Parent Interviews
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Family Daily Mile
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	ECO/Forest School Day
	Coffee Morning – 8.50am
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	School closed – Halloween Holidays
Monday 3 <sup>th</sup> November	School resumes 8.40am
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	P6 Navan Trip
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	PSA Portrait Evening
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	SEAG Test 1 (P7 pupils)
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	SEAG Test 2 (P7 pupils)



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