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NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank P2-P7 parents/guardians for attending the Parent Teacher meeting(s) before the Halloween break. I hope you found the meeting(s) informative and meaningful. I would also like to acknowledge the work of our teachers who gave up a lot of their own time to prepare for the meetings.

SCHOOL/ECO COUNCIL Well done to our School/Eco Council who were elected by their peers at the beginning of October. I am sure they will be excellent representatives and ambassadors for our school. They are; Eimear Mc Sorley (Chairperson), Eoin Mc Gurgan (Vice-Chairperson), Oran Mc Sorley (Secretary), Sean Donnelly and Anna Donnelly (Treasurers), Meabh O'Neill, Meabh Kearney, Luke Mc Kenna, Ella Fee, Conan O'Neill, Hannah Donnelly, Connor Mc Anallen, Emma Girvan and Luke Mc Gurk.

They recently organised our very successful Halloween discos. The behaviour of all of the children at both discos was exemplary and some of the outfits were outstanding. Well done to the School/Eco Council and Mrs Hegarty for a brilliant night and to all the children who attended. A total of £400 was raised to purchase plastic reusable water bottles for all of the children. Thank you to everyone for your support especially to all the staff who assisted and supervised on the night. Please view photographs of the discos on our school website.



4 O'CLOCK CLUB I am delighted to inform you that we will be commencing a trial run of a new 4 O'Clock Club from 4th November until 18th December. 4 O'Clock Club will be available to all P1-7 children and parents will be able to book their children daily by contacting the school. 4 O'Clock Club will run from 3-4 pm and there will be a daily charge of £3 per child (*Please send the money for 123 & 4 O'Clock Clubs in separate envelopes from dinner or snack money*). Children who already attend 123 Club may also go to 4 O'Clock Club (£6 per day) where they will be supervised by Mrs Gillespie and Mrs Kearney. Children will receive a small snack, will be allocated time to complete part of their homework and have some free time. 4 O'Clock Club has been established in response to our parents' survey last year and we hope that it will provide support to parents with their child care arrangements. Children can now come to school at 8am and stay until 4pm. We are not receiving any extra funding for this initiative so it will have to be self-sustainable to ensure that we are able to continue to offer 4 O'Clock Club for the remainder of the school year. We will review attendance at the end of November and inform parents before Christmas what our plans will be for the future. Please contact the school if you have any queries. Thank you.

BREAKFAST & 123 CLUBS Breakfast Club continues to operate from 8-8.40am with a small concessionary fee of £1. All children who enter school grounds unsupervised before 8.40am must attend Breakfast Club. Parents/Carers will be charged £1 regardless if child(ren) eat breakfast. 123 Club runs from 2-3pm for a concessionary charge of £3. Children who are not collected by 2.10pm will go to 123 Club and parents/carers will be charged £3 if children are at 123 Club after 2.15pm. We appreciate your support and cooperation with these arrangements.

BOOKFAIR There was a brilliant turnout at our Book Fair at the start of October. Thank you for all your generous contributions. The school will receive **£980.00** worth of books for our Literacy Co-ordinator Mrs Dillon to purchase new reading books for our reading scheme which should enhance the children's reading experiences.

SCHOOL DINNERS - Dinner money for the month of November is £52.00 and December is £39.00 for those who wish to pay monthly. Please ensure all dinner money is brought in at the start of the week/month. November's Dinner Menu is available to view on our school website.

SNACK MONEY - £5.00 - November snack money is now due. Thank-you for your support.

MISSION MAGAZINES - The annual cost this year for The Far East Mission Magazine is £8. New subscribers are always welcome.

Please find important dates and information below: -

SCHOOL CLOSURES - Christmas Break – School closed on **Friday 20th December @ 12 noon (Dinner is available)**. Children return to school on **Monday 6th January, 2020**.

PRIMARY 3 REMEMBRANCE ASSEMBLY - Primary 3 children will hold their Remembrance Assembly for deceased family members on **Wednesday 20th November at 1.45pm**.

DITCH THE DARK DAY - We will be running another early morning walk to school and hot breakfast for children and adults on **Friday 29th November**. More details will follow but please put this early morning date into your diary. Thank-you.

SCHOOL PANTO TRIPS **Reception/Primary 1, 2, 3 & 4** - Wednesday 4th December, Armagh Market Place to see 'Beauty & the Beast'; **Primary 5, 6 & 7** - Thursday 12th December, Grand Opera House Belfast to see 'Beauty & the Beast'; Further details of cost and times will be sent later this month.

ADVENT MASSES – **Reception/Primary 1 – 7** children will attend 10 am Mass on **Wednesday 4th and Wednesday 18th December** during the season of Advent.

OPEN EVENING FOR NEW PUPILS IN 2020/21 - Our Annual Open Night will take place in school on **Wednesday 4th December** between 7pm and 8pm. Please spread the word among new families in the area who may consider us as a suitable school for their child(ren). Open Night is aimed primarily at parents of children who would like to enrol their child(ren) in our Reception or P1 class. However, everyone is most welcome to attend, especially those who have never visited our school before.

CHRISTMAS DINNER - Christmas dinner is scheduled for **Thursday 5th December**. Children are invited to come to school in their own clothes wearing a Christmas jumper, hat or festive clothing. **All children will go home at 1.30 pm to facilitate our staff Christmas lunch. There will be no buses operating at this time. Thank you for your anticipated co-operation.**

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES – **Reception/Primary 1, 2, 3 & 4** Christmas Performances are scheduled to take place on **Wednesday 11th December**. The Matinee will be **@ 10 am** with the evening performance **@ 7pm**. There will be a raffle at both performances (Donation of raffle prizes would be greatly appreciated. Thanks).

AFTERSCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

P7 Transfer Class – Recommences on Monday 4th and Thursday 7th November for two weeks.

Fiddle – Recommences on Monday 4th November.

P2 Zumba Class – Commences on Wednesday 6th November for 4 weeks.

P2 & P3 Soccer Class – Commences (**new group**) on Friday 8th November for 6 weeks.

P4 & 5 ICT Coding Class – Commences (**new group**) on Wednesday 6th November for 4 weeks.

P3 Tag Rugby - Commences (**new group**) on Thursday 7th November for 5 weeks.

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P6 & P7 Soccer - Commences (**new group**) on Friday 8th November for 6 weeks.

P6 & P7 Gaelic Football – Commences on Tuesday 5th November for 6 weeks.

Staff have once again requested that parents/guardians do not purchase gifts for them this Christmas. We would stress this without reservation. Staff have always appreciated the kindness shown to them over the years however we feel, parents/guardians have enough expenses throughout the year and we are grateful for all the support you give to the school.

Please contact the school if you have any queries or concerns. All of the events are on our school website calendar. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

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Principal