



October Newsletter 2016

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Dear Parents

It is time once again to let you know what is happening in our busy school!

By now I hope you have all had a chance to visit our new website and can find the information you need for your child's class. We will be continually adding to the site over the course of the term. We had a lovely email from one of our parents telling us how useful he has found it and suggesting other information that might be useful.

If there is anything in particular you would like to know more about please let myself or Mrs Barrett know.

Halloween Disco

We are having a Halloween Disco in the school hall on Wednesday 26th October at 6pm-7.30pm.

Instead of wearing their costumes to school the children can dress up for the disco.

New Club

Cricket Ireland called into school last week and did a taster session with the P4-P7 pupils. They gifted us with a starter cricket kit which we appreciate very much.

As a result of this visit we have been able to secure an after-school cricket club for P5 and P6 pupils (initially). Letter sent home today as limited to 25 spaces. Please return as soon as possible.

Staff News

Congratulations to Mrs Jennings on securing a secondment to the Education Authority. She is very much looking forward to the new opportunities that this post will bring, whilst also knowing that she will miss the children here in Chapel Road.

We would also like to welcome Miss Mulheron who will teach the P3 class in Mrs Jennings absence. Miss Mulheron has come highly recommended from another school and we are delighted to have her join our team.

School Book Fair

The Travelling Book Fair will be in school from Monday 10th October until Thursday 13th.

Books will be available to buy in the infant corridor between 8.30 am and 9.00 am and again in the afternoon between 3.00 pm and 3.30 pm.

The classes will visit it during the day at school so you can send money into school in a sealed envelope with your child's name clearly marked.

Breakfast Club

Open daily at 8.30 am and closes again at 8.50 am. Last orders for breakfast will be 8.45am to allow Miss Glenda and Miss Ann time to clean up and meet their other commitments in the school. Thanks to Mrs Brolly who has also offered to help.

Foundation Stage News

Primary 1 Assembly

Well Done to our Primary 1 boys and girls who entertained us this morning with their assembly. It was just brilliant and we are so proud of you all! Photos will be uploaded onto the website very soon.

Parents Meetings

P3-P7 parents meetings will take place after the Halloween break. More details will follow closer to the time.

Curriculum Meetings

P1 and P2 curriculum meetings will take place on Monday 12th October at 2pm.

Letters have been sent out with more details.

This will be a great opportunity for you to hear about how the Foundation stage works and what your child has been learning since the beginning of September.

BOG Annual Report to Parents

The Board of Governors will be available to meet with parents between 9.00 am and 9.30 am on Tuesday 25th October 2016 in the school library.

The Annual Report for 2015/16 will be available to view on the school website from Monday 17th October. You can also request a paper copy from the school office.

Health & Well-being

The school nurse will visit the school on Thursday 24th November to administer the Flu Vaccination to all pupils in P1-P7. Please return the forms as soon as possible. Reassure your child that it is only a nasal application and not an actual injection as I know some children will worry about it.

Save the Dates!!

We have some important events planned that we hope you will be able to attend and support.

Transfer 2016-A meeting has been arranged for P6 parents on Monday 7th November at 3pm in the school library.

First Communion

Saturday 13th May 2017 at 11.30 am in St Columba's Church. No dates for First Confession or Confirmation as yet.

Learning Outside the Classroom

- P7 trip to the Tower Museum and the Derry Walls-Friday 7th October
- P7 trip to Tower Museum for Ghost Tour-Monday 10th October
- P7 trip to Roe Valley- changed to Wednesday 26th October

Health & Safety Reminder

A parent has contacted me with concerns in relation to parking outside the school and in particular parking on the pavement.

If you park on the pavement, this means the children have to walk out onto the road to pass and therefore puts them in serious danger. Please keep this in mind.

Halloween Holiday Arrangements

School closes for the Halloween break on Wednesday 26th October at 3pm. School will reopen on Wednesday 2nd November.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you once again for your support. The response was overwhelming. In total we raised £449.00 which will go to helping this very worthy cause.

Please keep visiting the website for the most up to date information.

PTA

We are looking for a group of parents to form a Parent Teacher Association or Friends of CRPS. If you think you would be available to join this group please contact the office and leave your details.