



October 2017 Newsletter



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Dear Parents

It is time once again to let you know what is happening in our busy school! September was like a blink and we cannot believe it is October already.

We are looking forward to celebrating everything to do with Autumn and Halloween over the next few weeks. Please read and keep this letter for your reference. Also keep checking the website for updates and class news.

Reminder-School Closed for Halloween break

School finishes for the Halloween holidays at 1.15pm on Friday 27th October. (see also Halloween disco news below)

School will be closed on Monday 30th, Tuesday 31st and Wednesday 1st November 2017. Pupils return to school on Thursday 2nd November 2017.

Uniform

Please ensure your child comes to school in his/her full school uniform unless otherwise directed by the teacher. This includes black/navy shoes. No laces in P1 and P2.

FRIENDS OF CHAPEL ROAD PS

Halloween Disco on Friday 27th October at 1.30pm to 3.00pm

The children can come to school wearing their Halloween costumes on Friday 27th October. School finishes at 1.15pm for all pupils. You can collect your child at this 1.15pm to take home

OR

If your child would like to attend the Halloween Disco, please send in £2 (includes tuck bag and drink) and collect your child at 3.00pm. All monies raised will go to school funds.

Staff News

We met up with Mrs Mc Guckin to wish her well as she begins a new chapter away from Chapel Road. She asked me to pass on her thanks and best wishes to pupils and parents both past and present. She loved working in the school and was such an enthusiastic member of the staff. We will miss her.

Macmillan Cancer Support

Thank you for supporting this important campaign. The children enjoyed colouring in their class cupcakes and counting how much money their class had raised. In total we are sending £200 to Macmillan. Well done everyone!

THE FRIENDS OF CHAPEL ROAD PS

ARE SEEKING MORE PARENTS TO JOIN THIS GROUP OR TO OFFER ASSISTANCE AT FUNDRAISING EVENTS. PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU CAN SUPPORT IN ANY WAY.

THANK YOU

Student Council

Our new Student Council had their first meeting last week and we are looking forward to hearing all the ideas and suggestions they discussed. Keep looking out for their photographs on the school's website. They will receive their official council badges at assembly on Friday this week.

Attendance

Please continue to encourage full attendance at school. Remember every day has 2 sessions so your child will get 2 attendance marks per day. That's 10 marks a week for full attendance.

SO WHAT'S HAPPENING AND WHEN?

Waterbus Visit-9th October

P5, P6 and P7

Identity Kit Workshops-Culture Quarter-10th October

P5, P6 and P7

Student Council Assembly-Friday 13th October at 9.15am-Whole school

Maths Week-16th-20th October

Whole school

Trip to Library and Park-17th October

P1 and P2

'YES Project' Trip-18th October-12.45pm-2.30pm

P6

Harvest Assembly-Thursday 19th October at 1.30pm in the hall

Whole school

Trip to Ulster American Folk-25th October

P3 and P4

Flu Vaccination-Thursday 26th October

Whole school

Fancy Dress Halloween Disco-Friday 27th October at 1.30pm-3.00pm

P1-P7

Halloween Holidays

See above

SAVE THE DATES

Christmas Fair-Monday 27th November at

6.00pm-please come along and support this event.

If you or anyone you know would like to book a stall, please contact the office for details.

P4-P7 Christmas Carol Service-Tuesday 12th

December at 6.00pm in the school hall.

P1-P3 Christmas Nativity-Thursday 14th

December at 10.00am

First Communion-Saturday 19th May at

11.00am

No date for Confirmation yet

SUSTRANS ACTIVE TRAVEL

We feel very lucky that we are one of very few schools in the Derry area that made a successful application to be part of the SUSTRANS ACTIVE TRAVEL PROGRAMME for the next 3 years.

The Active School Travel Programme is an exciting initiative for schools who wish to see more of their pupils choosing an active and healthy journey to school. SUSTRANS is being funded by the Department for Infrastructure and the Public Health Agency to continue delivering the Active School Travel Programme across Northern Ireland until 2021. Increasing the number of children who regularly walk, cycle or scoot to school has numerous benefits including:

- increased physical activity levels resulting in improved health and well-being
- reduced congestion and pollution around schools
- increased road safety awareness
- increased confidence, self-esteem and independence for young people.

This initiative provides schools with a planned programme of activities throughout the year, both in and out of the classroom, as well as direct hands-on support from a dedicated SUSTRANS Active Travel Officer. The fundamental aim of the programme is providing schools with the skills and knowledge to get more children walking, cycling and scooting as their main mode of transport to school.

Our officer is called Ronan Mc Laughlin and he came to visit us last week. Ronan will work with a group of P6 children initially but everyone in the school will benefit from this fantastic programme.

You can find out more on: schoolsNI@sustrans.org.uk

HARVEST ASSEMBLY-THURSDAY 19TH OCTOBER at 1.30pm in the hall

We are looking forward to celebrating our Harvest Festival with you. Please come along and join us.

We would love the children to bring in 1 non-perishable item such as-tinned/packet soup/cereals/beans/pasta etc so that we can make food hampers for the Help the Aged in the community.

Food items can be left in the P1 and P2 reception area where a table has been set up. Thank you in advance.