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Tuesday 17th October 2023

Dear Parent

Parent-Teacher Progress Meetings

The progress meeting with your child's teacher will take place on _____
at _____ pm.

Please note, all children will go home at 12.45pm on progress meeting days - Monday 23rd, Tuesday 24th, Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th October. The school bus will run at this time.

School Council

The School Council for 2023/24 has been elected. Congratulations to the following pupils:

Abbie Mckeown & Josiah Cruise (P4)

Lottie Eastwood-Stewart & Milo Potter (P5)

Ella Loughrin & John Bruce (P6)

Zara Simpson & Connor Naugher (P7)

I would like to thank all those pupils who put their name forward for election and the effort they have put in with their campaign posters and presentations. The first meeting was held last week.

The Eco Committee election will take place soon. More details to follow.

Harvest Assembly

Our Harvest assembly will take place on Friday 27th October at 10.00am in the assembly hall. Parents are very welcome to come along. Every class will take part in the assembly and the assembly should last no longer than forty-five minutes. Parking will be available in the Congregational Church car park.

We will be taking a collection of non-perishable food items in the lead up to the Harvest assembly with all items of food being donated to the Vineyard Church Foodbank in Dungannon. A table has been left in the office area of the school for you to place donations.

It would be great if we could serve tea and coffee for parents attending the assembly. If any parent is available to set up a table and serve tea/coffee, please contact me – sharrison687@c2ken.net.

Donaghey Parents' Association (DPA)

The DPA held their AGM on Wednesday 4th October. Officers 2023/24:

Chairperson – S. Harrison

Secretary – J. Hall

Treasurers – A. Stewart and C. Watt

Principal: Mr S Harrison, BSSc, PGCE, PQH (NI).

Those at the meeting acknowledged the service that Mrs Christine Adams had given in recent years in her role as Secretary.

Several potential future events were discussed. More details to follow regarding each event.

- PJ Day and hot chocolate day – Friday 10th November.
- Christmas quiz sheets
- Community Christmas Breakfast and Photos with Santa – Monday 18th December
- Christmas party/disco
- Table quiz – February/March
- Summer fun night/fair - June

Your child has also been given a tube of Smarties. Please help raise some funds for the DPA by returning the tube filled with 20ps. If you would like more, please message your child's teacher.

Our next meeting will take place at some stage in November – date to be confirmed. All parents will be welcome to come along.

P1-4 Drama Club In preparation for our Christmas Nativity all P1-4 children will stay to 2.45pm on the following dates: Monday 6th November, Tuesday 14th, 21st and 28th November. There will be no P5-7 games on the 3 Tuesdays in November – they will have normal classes on these days, so there is no need to send in games kit on these days, unless the class teachers indicate they need a kit for class activities.

Other:

- Extra-curricular activities will re-commence on the week beginning Monday 6th November after the conclusion of this month's activities on Thursday.
- All children will go home at 1.45pm on Friday 27th October for the mid-term break. School will re-open on Monday 6th November. The full school closure list for 2023/24 can be found on the app.
- P3/P4 trip to the Zoo – Tuesday 7th November. All details have already been sent home. Please pay via the school app if you haven't already done so.
- Boys' Hockey Blitz – Wednesday 8th November. More details to follow.
- Girls' Hockey Blitz – Thursday 9th November. More details to follow.
- The choir will be singing at the Ardtrea Remembrance Service on Friday 10th November, 6.30pm. More details to follow.
- Tri-County Football (9.45am – 12.15pm) – Friday 17th November. More details to follow.
- The next Stars of the Month Assembly will not take place until Friday 1st December. This is also a non-uniform day - £1 per child with money going to the DPA. There will be no Stars assembly for October due to the Harvest Service on Friday 27th October.
- School Nativity Play – Wednesday 6th December, 10.00am. More details to follow.
- Trip to the Grand Opera House to see the Christmas Pantomime (P5/P6 & P6/P7) – Thursday 7th December. More details to follow.
- Community Breakfast – Monday 18th December. More details to follow.
- P1-4 Cinema Trip Tuesday 19th December. More details to follow.
- A residential trip to Shannaghmore Outdoor Education Centre in Newcastle, Co. Down has been booked for the P7 class. This will be a two-night stay, departing on Monday 29th January 2024 returning on Wednesday 31st January 2024. More details to follow.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mr S. Harrison (Principal)