



NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 2017

MACMILLAN APPEAL

Thank you for supporting the Coffee Morning, either by attending or sending a donation. The excellent amount of £200.00 was raised by parents and staff and forwarded to the Macmillan Appeal. Thank you to Mrs Harkness who served the tea/coffee and to Mrs Shanks, one of our classroom assistants, who made jams and chutneys and sold them to staff.

OLD £1 COINS

From Sunday 15 October the old round £1 coins will no longer be legal tender. As it is important that we have any of these coins banked prior to this date, the last date they will be accepted in school is **Monday 9 October**.

SCHOOL DINNERS

Primary 1 children are now staying for dinners and the hall is at full capacity. As there is considerable administration connected with school dinners parents are reminded of the following:

- **All dinner money must be paid on a Monday** unless the child is absent.
- Dinners are currently £2.60 per day for P1-3, £13.00 per week.
- Free school meals can only be supplied when we have received notification from the Education Authority.
- Special diets due to medical conditions or for religious reasons can be supplied only if an official form has been returned.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

The School Photographer will be in school on Thursday 12 October. Please remember the reply slips must be returned by Tuesday 10 October. Photographs will not be taken unless permission slips have been returned.

HARVEST

We will be holding our harvest assembly on Friday 13 October. This year we will be supporting Storehouse which provides food for needy families. We are asking children to bring in some tins of food on Monday 9 – Thursday 12 October. At this stage Storehouse is particularly in need of tinned potatoes, vegetables, meat and meals.

PARENT INTERVIEWS P1 - P3 + NURSERY

Parent interviews will be held with teachers during the week commencing **Monday 23 October**. Appointment times and details will be sent home on Wednesday 11 October. We are asking that children are not brought to the interviews. You are asked to note that School will finish at 1.00pm all week for P1 – P3 children, after dinner and packed lunch.

PARENT / TEACHER ASSOCIATION

The PTA will meet on Monday 9 October at 7.30pm to make plans for this year. Parents of new children are particularly welcome.

HALF TERM HOLIDAY

School will close on Friday 27 October at 1.00pm for the half term holiday and will re-open on Tuesday 7 November.

ACCESS TO SCHOOL

In the mornings classroom doors now remain unlocked until 9.05am. Only parents and children arriving after this time should be using the main front door.

Please remember that parents arriving in school through the front door should report to the office at all times. Please do not continue on down through school without making office staff aware that you are on the premises. If you are leaving school through the main door, please ensure children are not permitted to press the door access switch.

After half term the pedestrian gates at Dundela Avenue and Wilgar Street will be locked during the school day. Access will be through the pedestrian gates beside the main gate.

WEARING OF EARRINGS

A number of children are continuing to wear earrings which are unsuitable for school. Please remember that **small plain studs** are the only earrings that should be worn.

CAR PARKING

Despite requests, a number of parents are continuing to bring cars into the school grounds. Please remember that cars should be parked in the nearby streets. Cars parked on the double yellow lines at the Wilgar Street entrance are also making it difficult for parents and children to access the pedestrian gate safely.

CHARITY COLLECTIONS

Please remember to send in the following:

- Used stamps for Guide Dogs for the Blind
- Copper coins for the Penny Jar which are donated to the NI Children's Hospice



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Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 12 October	Individual/family Photographs
Friday 13 October	Harvest Assembly
W/C Monday 23 October	Parent Interviews – School finishes 1.00pm each day
Friday 27 October	School finishes 1.00pm
Mon 30 Oct - Fri 3 Nov	Half Term Holiday
Monday 6 November	School Development Day - Pupils do not attend
Tuesday 7 November	Flu Inoculation Day
Thursday 9 November	P2 Trip to Armagh Planetarium
Monday 13 November	Nursery Waiting Class starts 1.30-2.10pm