



St Mary's Primary School, Cushendall

Parent Information – October 2018

Hallowe'en Fun

- 🎃 **Wednesday 24th October** there will be a 'special' Hallowe'en Dinner with lots of Hallowe'en prizes provided by the Kitchen Staff.
- 🎃 **Thursday 25th October** the PTA will be holding a Hallowe'en Quiz in the School Assembly Hall at 7.00pm with refreshments, spot prizes and a raffle. Fancy dress is optional. There will also be a competition which the children can enter for bringing the best decorated pumpkin.
- 🎃 **Friday 26th October** children are allowed to come to school in fancy dress. Can we please ask that no one wears a clown outfit of any description as we are aware they can cause distress to young children. The welfare of all of our children is paramount and I hope you will support us in this decision.

'Walk To School' Days

Our next 'Walk To School Day' for this month will be **Friday 26th** and the usual arrangements apply. Everyone should meet at Red Bay Boats or on the footpath opposite the Police Station on the Coast Road at 9.00a.m. As always, children in P.1-4 must be accompanied by an adult so please make arrangements with each other to ensure your child in P1-4 has an adult to walk with. (The ratio required is 1 adult/6 children.) In the meantime, please remember to encourage your child/children to walk to/from school as much as possible.

Christmas Shoebox Appeal

It's hard to believe we are talking about Christmas already! This month we are having our annual 'Road of Hope' charity appeal. Leaflets have been sent home to all families to explain and once again we have been asked to make a special appeal for boxes for the older children and the elderly. We had a fantastic response last year from everyone in the Primary School and Nursery Unit when we sent off 151 shoeboxes.

* Additional leaflets are available from the office if other family members, friends or neighbours would like to take part. All shoeboxes should be brought to school on / before **Thursday 23rd October**.

Parent/Teacher Meetings for Primaries 4, 5 6 and 7

Appointments will be sent out after Hallowe'en. Dates and times to be confirmed.

Text Messaging Service

A text message was sent to each household yesterday, Thursday 11th October, reminding everyone to check our website for daily updates. If your nominated number did not receive this message, please contact the school office immediately.

Important Dates

Friday 26th October Hallowe'en Holidays – School will close at 1.00p.m. There will be no Afternoon Nursery Session today. Primary School & Nursery Unit will re-open on Monday 5th November with our new Principal, Mrs Helen Magee.

Mrs Catherine Magill
Acting Principal