



St Mary's Primary School, Cushendall

Parent Information Update – October 2017

Christmas Shoebox Collection - Fiona from 'Road Of Hope' will be coming next week to collect all the Christmas shoeboxes and I would like to ask everyone who wants to contribute to this charity to make sure their shoebox is brought into school first thing next Thursday morning (26th October). Last year we had a fantastic response from the Primary School and Nursery Unit when we sent off 151 shoeboxes and hopefully we will be able to match that this year!

Hallowe'en Fun – Next Wednesday children are allowed to come to school in fancy dress. There will be a 'special' Hallowe'en lunch with lots of Hallowe'en prizes in the canteen and a Beetle Drive for the children in P3-7 in the afternoon. Children in P1&2 will have their own games in their classrooms.

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. We want to ensure no child becomes distressed or frightened. The welfare of all of our children is paramount and I hope you will support us in this decision.

P.T.A. Committee Meeting – Unfortunately, due to the school closures this week, we were not able to have our meeting. This has been rearranged for Monday 6th November at 3.15p.m. and it would be great if all committee members were able to attend. Can committee members please contact the office to let us know?

Blood Donor Service - Friday 27th October. Please see details of the next session being held in Cushendall overleaf.

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

Tuesday 14th November	-	1.10p.m. - 3.00p.m. (Primaries 4 - 7)
Wednesday 15th November	-	1.10p.m. - 3.00p.m. (Primaries 4 - 7)
Thursday 16th November	-	1.10p.m. - 3.00p.m. (Primaries 4 - 7)

Appointments will be sent out next week. Dates and times given above are fixed and we hope all parents will be able to attend as this is the formal Parent/Teacher meeting for these classes for this school year. However, if times are not suitable, please contact the teacher immediately and they will try to arrange a more suitable time on these dates.

N.B. All children (P1-7) will go home at 1.00p.m. on the above dates. Parents of children in Primaries 1, 2 and 3 will have Parent/Teacher meetings in January/February to discuss their child's academic progress.

'Walk To School' Days - Our last 'Walk To School Day' for this month is **Friday 27th** 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.

After School Clubs – Following the Hallowe'en break, GAA and netball clubs will begin with children in Week A of the timetable.

Important Dates

Friday 27th October Hallowe'en Holidays – School will close at 1.00p.m. and re-open on Monday 6th November.

Saturday 12th May 2018 First Communion (*Primary 4 children*)

Confirmation (*Primary 7 children*) The date is set by the Bishop and usually not notified to Fr McWilliams until after Christmas. We will let you know as soon as we have a date.

Mrs Anne M T Smart
Principal