



St Mary's Primary School, Cushendall

Parent Information – October 2017

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

A huge thank you to everyone who sent in baking or came to our Coffee Afternoon last Wednesday 27th September. Another big thank you also to the children who bought buns the following day. Through your wonderful generosity we were able to raise the fantastic sum of £570.35 and we are hoping a representative from Macmillan will be able to come to the school for a presentation in the near future. Once again, thank you for the wonderful support you have shown for this very worthy cause.

'Walk To School' Days

Our 'Walk To School Days' for this month are this **Friday 13th** and **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.

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 are being sent home to all families today to explain what can be included 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 26th October**.

Demonetisation of round £1 coin

You will all be aware from the media that round £1 coins will no longer be legal tender after Sunday 15th October 2017 and the EA have asked all schools to ensure that all round £1 coins are lodged before this date. In light of this we are now asking that you do not send round £1 coins with your child/children for milk or break after this Friday 6th October. This will allow the school to lodge all funds before the deadline of 15th October. We hope you understand and thank you for your co-operation.

Exceptional Closure Day

Monday 30th October is now confirmed as a school closure and a holiday for all children in the Primary School & Nursery Unit.

Important Dates

Friday 27th October

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

Mrs Anne M T Smart
Principal