

PARENTS NEWSLETTER
OCTOBER 2013

EVENTS IN OCTOBER

- 3rd October**- Service of Commitment in Holy Trinity Church 10.30
4th October- Key Stage One Assembly
P6 Pupils to receive Flu Vaccination
30th October- Halloween Fancy Dress Day
31st October- 4th November- Mid Term break

School Meals

If you think you may be entitled to free school meals please obtain a form from the school office and complete it as soon as possible.

Can we ask parents even if your child is not going to take a meal daily, please complete the form as our funding and school budget is based on the number of children on the school meals register. The more children we have on the register the more funds we get from the Department of Education.

This figure is also used for bench marking data, so it has significant consequences and of great benefit if all those entitled to a free meal are on the register.



Unfortunately if you have not completed the form and we have not received notification that your child is on the free school meals list we will be unable to continue to give them a meal indefinitely as the figures are regularly audited.

If you are in doubt whether your child is on the list or if you may be eligible call into the office and speak to Aileen and Isobel and they will be able to advise you

WINTER FLU

All P6 pupils will receive a nasal dose of the flu vaccination to prevent them taking the flu this winter during October. The school nurse will issue consent forms to parents of P6 pupils in the weeks ahead.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

The after school club for P1- P3 will commence on the week beginning the 7th October for pupils in P1 to P3 who have an older brother or sister in the school. Unfortunately due to health and safety we can only accommodate approximately twenty children from each year group. The notes will be distributed to your child on Monday 30th September and they should be returned to the office. It will be on a first come basis. Unfortunately if your child's attendance at the club is poor or if they are frequently late being collected your child will lose his or her place.

The P4 to P7 after school clubs will also commence on the 7th October and will take place on a Wednesday and Thursday from 2.45-3.30. **The clubs will not take place on the 30th**

October Your child will receive a list of clubs and a permission slip. They should select a club which they would like to attend and return the completed form to their class teacher. Once again unfortunately places are limited. If your child does not get the opportunity to take part in a club this term we will try to ensure that they get the chance to participate in a club in the second term.



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The first monthly coffee morning will take place on Friday 4th October from 9.15-11.00 in our new Parents' Room. The Parents' Room has been relocated to the Postman Pat Mobile.

At the coffee morning you will get the opportunity to meet with Mrs Clare Steele, our new Parent Facilitator. She will be consulting with parents to find out which courses you would like organised for this year.

WHY NOT COME ALONG AND FIND OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS TERM. PARENTS OF NEW PUPILS ARE ESPECIALLY WELCOME.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

The health and safety of your children is of immense importance to us. To ensure the children are safe within the school grounds all gates will be closed in the school from 9.30 daily- including the back gate. This will mean that the only way in and out of the school after this time is through the main entrance. We apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause.

WHY NOT KEEP UP WITH OUR SCHOOL

NEWS BY READING THE PARISH

BULLETIN AND VISITING OUR SCHOOL

WEBSITE

COUNSELLING SERVICE

There are still several places available for counselling. If you feel your child could benefit from counselling please contact Mrs Boyd.

HALLOWEEN FANCY DRESS

On the 30th October all children can come into school in Fancy Dress. The children will have a fun afternoon in class with games, art and craft activities and a DVD. Who knows some staff may also join in the festivities!



FREE GIFTS FROM SAINBURYS

On Monday 23rd September staff from Sainsburys store delivered a free bag of goodies for the P4 pupils. The bag contained scrap books, markers, posters, books, colouring in books, maps, information books and much more. The staff stayed and worked with the children helping them to create some Monster pictures. Thanks once again to Sainsburys for their generosity.

PARK CENTRE DISPLAY

WHY NOT CALL INTO THE PARK CENTRE TO SEE THE WONDERFUL ART WORK ON DISPLAY. THE WORK WAS COMPLETED BY THE BOYS AND GIRLS IN OUR LEARNING SUPPORT CLASSES.