



# October Newsletter

## Dates for your diary!

Tue 3rd Oct	Flu Vaccination
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	School finishes at 2pm for all children. 150 <sup>th</sup> Dinner
Thurs 26 Oct	150 in 1 Hour Challenge (sponsor sheets sent home)
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Harvest Service (Year 1&2 Parents)
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct - Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	School closed (Half term)
Sat 11/25 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	AQE Test (Year 7 only)
Tue 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Photographer in school
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Spotacular, Children in Need fundraiser
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	GL Assessment (Year 7 only)
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Foyle Film Festival - Brunswick Bowling Alley (Y1-Y7)
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	YES Project (Y5&6)
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Community Carol Service Ballyarnett Presbyterian Church
Wed/Thurs 13/14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	School Performance (Provisional date)
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Visit to Millennium Forum
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last day of term; half day
Thu 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	New term begins

## Uniform

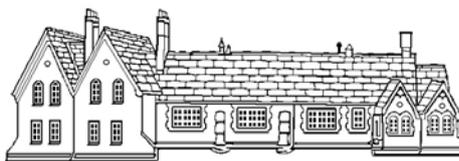
A huge thank-you to all the parents; the children are all looking very smart in their school uniforms. We hope to make a big effort this year to keep the school uniform looking really smart, as it gives a great impression of our school within the community. Keep up the good work, especially with the black shoes.

## Choir Uniform

On formal occasions when the school is being represented in the community, e.g. carol services,

- ✓ grey trousers/skirt





- ✓ **white long sleeved shirt and tie** (ties can be purchased from all uniform retailers - elastic ties are available)
- ✓ **white knee length socks for girls, grey socks for boys** (available from Dunnes, Marks and Spencer's, Matalan or other uniform retailers)
- ✓ Plain black shoes (**no trainers or sports shoes**)

There are lots of events coming up; children will need this uniform to be able to take part in these events.

### **Attendance**

Last year our overall attendance was 94%, lower than the national average, I need your help to raise the statistics! Unless your child is very unwell they should be at school, coughs and colds are common at this time of year, but most children are well enough to be at school. If your child has had a vomiting or diarrhoea bug, advice from the Public Health Agency says they should remain off for 48 hours from the last bout of sickness.

### **Parent - Teacher Meetings**

Parent teacher meetings will take place during the week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> October; to accommodate this **all children will go home at 2pm this week**. Your child's teacher will be in touch with a date, and time, for the meeting. **All clubs will be suspended for 1 week.**

### **Music Lessons**

Mr McDermott will continue to provide clarinet and recorder tuition. Pupils need to supply their own instrument. Speak to a member of staff if your child would like to participate. Lessons will commence on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October.

We are excited to offer guitar lessons this year; these will be taught by an outside tutor at a cost of £7 for 40 minutes. If your child is interested in taking part, please contact school. Lessons will commence on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October. It is preferable for parents to supply a guitar in order for the child to practise at home. If this is not possible, please let us know as the tutor has a few guitars which can be used in school.



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## **School Council**

Hopefully your children will have been talking at home about our School Council. This is a great opportunity for the children to have a voice within school to discuss issues related to them and to improve their school. Each class has a representative. We are in the process of electing a Chairperson from Year 7. The Council meets regularly. Some of the items on the agenda have been; playground buddies, playground games, after school clubs, Halloween ideas and fundraising events.

## **Harvest Service**

Our annual Harvest Service will be held on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October. Year 1 and 2 parents, only, are invited to this as we have limited space. We hope you can attend as it is a good opportunity to see how well the children are settling in.

## **Hallowe'en Party**

Friends of Culmore Primary School are organising a Hallowe'en Party for all children on the afternoon of Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October. As this date coincides with our Harvest Service children can bring a costume to change into later in the day. **Children should not come to school on that morning dressed up or wearing face paints.**

## **Year 1 Home Time**

From Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October Year 1 children will stay until 2pm. An after schools Drama Club is available on a Thursday until 3pm if your child is ready for the long day!

## **Email**

If you receive school information via email, please remember to check them regularly to keep up with school events!

## **Round £1 Coin**

Please note we will no longer be able to accept the round £1 coin after Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October. Thanking you in advance for your co-operation.

