

September (4) 2024

Dear parent,

A great big thank you to all the parents who contributed to the success of our Macmillan coffee afternoon. This event is growing bigger every year and I have no doubt that we have raised another amazing sum for this worthy charity. We were joined by members of our school community and the wider community. It was especially pleasing to have local councillor, Stewart Wilson and MP for South Antrim, Robin Swann, join us and support our small school ventures.

Our next whole school community event is Harvest assembly; details below.

HARVEST ASSEMBLY

Parents and relatives are invited to attend our annual Harvest assembly in the school hall on **Tuesday 15 October at 1.15pm.**

ALL PUPILS will finish school at the conclusion of the assembly, approximately **2pm.**

To support our wider local community we are asking each family and member of staff to provide **two items** of food to donate to local charity 'Antrim Foodbank'.

The food items needed are;

Beans

Tinned fruit

Tinned vegetables

Tinned fish

Rice / Pasta

The items will be displayed at the Harvest assembly when representatives from the charity will be presented with your donations.

Donations can be sent to school from week commencing **Monday 30 September.**

Thank you for your support.

To assist with preparations of the school hall, please complete the form below to indicate how many family members will be attending this event. Forms should be completed by Friday 4 October.

<https://forms.gle/HU7JJfVHEBSC9hCRA>

BROWN MONEY FUNDRAISER

A new fundraising venture is being launched by the PTA, Brown Money. Pupils are encouraged to bring their brown coins on Money Monday and drop them into the fundraising jar in the front foyer. As the money grows the pupils will work towards reaching a target and gaining a reward. This venture will continue throughout the school year until our jar is full! The first Money Monday is **Monday 30 September.**

A copy of this newsletter is available on the school website

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FLU VACCINATION

The school nursing team will be in school on **Wednesday 16 October** to administer Flu vaccinations to pupils in P1-P7.

ANNUAL PANTOMIME

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| Date: | Friday 10 January 2025 | |
| Classes: | P1 – P7 | |
| Venue: | Grand Opera House | |
| Event: | Peter Pan | |
| Charge: | Pantomime | £12.00 |
| | Double Decker Bus | £ 6.80 |
| | Total | £18.80 per pupil |

More details will follow in due course.

Payment should be sent to the account below before **Wednesday 2 October**. To assist with administration please use the correct reference.

Account: Parkgate Primary School

Acc. No. 77461057

Sort Code: 98-09-40

Reference: Pupil Surname + PANTO

Parents must also complete a permission slip for your child/ren to attend using the link below.

<https://forms.gle/2SEfLFhQYJDbiZWX7>

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

P1-P7 Wednesday 23 October (ALL pupils home at 1pm)

P1-P7 Thursday 24 October (ALL pupils home at 1pm)

The purpose of these meetings is for you to have an opportunity to talk to your child's teacher and to discuss his / her progress.

Please remain in your car until your appointment time.

P1& P2 parents should access the school via the **P1/2 side door.**

P3-P7 parents should access the school via the **front door.** **Please use the pad to access the school.**

Each consultation will last for **10 minutes**. Please knock on the door to let the teaching staff know you are waiting.

Appointments will be sent home in the near future.

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SCHOOL LUNCHES

A new menu for week commencing 07.10.24 to week commencing 03.02.25 has been attached and is available on the school website www.parkgate-primary.co.uk

DATA COLLECTION FORMS

All data collection forms should now have been returned to school. If you have yet to do so, please return forms no later than **Monday 30 September**.

SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

ASDA CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS

As we are a registered Parentkind school parents can raise funds for the school as they shop. This initiative is running throughout **September, October and November**. See the link for more information on how to get started.

<https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools>

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

These will commence on **Wednesday 6 November** for all pupils. Further information to follow.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Library Van – The next library van visit is Wednesday 9 October.

Our Wee Village Afterschool - Flyer attached.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| 27.09.24 | School Closure – School Development Day 1 |
| 30.09.24 | P1 pupils begin full timetable – collection at 2pm |
| 09.10.24 | Library Van visit |
| 15.10.24 | Harvest Assembly @ 1.15pm |
| 16.10.24 | Flu Vaccination |
| 23.10.24 | Parent Consultations |
| 24.10.24 | Parent Consultations |
| 28.10.24 | Mid -term holiday begins. |
| 01.11.24 | Mid-term holiday ends |
| 06.11.24 | After School Clubs commence for all pupils. |
| 10.12.24 | Christmas Concert (6.30pm) |

Mrs V Ferguson
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