

**September (4) 2023**

Dear parent,

The pupils were all very smartly turned out for their photographs last week and Laura worked hard to capture some lovely photographs. Class, sibling and individual photographs were taken but unfortunately the weather was against us and we were unable to take the whole school photograph this year. We look forward now to our first event, Coffee Afternoon in aid of Macmillan Cancer. The end of September also brings the first of our school development days and parents are reminded that school is closed to pupils on Friday 29 September.

## **PTA**

### **MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON**

Date: Wednesday 27 September.

Time: 1.15pm-3pm

This event is an opportunity for parents and the wider community to meet together to raise funds for charity.

**All pupils will finish at their normal times on this date.**

Donations can be made either by using the QR code on posters in the hall or in cash.

**To assist with planning refreshments please complete the google form below to inform us if you are able to attend.**

<https://forms.gle/A2x78iXaizqgyQZq5>

Cakes and bakes should be brought to school on the morning of Wednesday 27 September. Please ensure any containers are clearly named.

## **PARENT CONSULTATIONS**

**P1** Thursday 5 October (ALL P1 & P2 pupils home at 1pm)

**P2-P7** Wednesday 25 October (ALL pupils home at 1pm)

**P2-P7** Thursday 26 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.** **P1&P2** pupils should be collected at **1pm Friday 7 October**

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

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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.**

## **AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

Uptake for these clubs is very low. **Basketball club will now not begin until after the mid-term break.** I await a response from the provider of Dance Club and will confirm if this club is to be offered as soon as possible.

## **HARVEST ASSEMBLY**

Parents and relatives are invited to attend our annual Harvest Assembly in the school hall on **Wednesday 18 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 top five items required are listed below:

**Tinned Tuna**

**Tinned vegetables**

**Long Life Milk**

**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 9 October.**

Thank you for your support.

## **CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG**

P6&P7 pupils have been invited to attend a performance of Ballyclare High School's Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. A separate information sheet will be sent home with pupils in these classes.

## **DATA COLLECTION FORMS**

Data collection forms should be returned to the school office by **Thursday 28 September.**

**[Link to Blank Data Collection Form.](#)**

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<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1FaewLQwGGXdfw49zmmkoJxqb0MxfSdw/edit?usp=sharing&oid=104952558028836551527&rtpof=true&sd=true>

## **P1 EXTENDED DAY**

In order to help our P1 pupils transition to a longer afternoon they should remain in school until **1.00pm** during the week commencing *Monday 25 September*. This will give the P1 pupils the opportunity to experience lunchtime arrangements and to have some lunch play outside.

## **ANNUAL PANTOMIME**

Payment of £18.45 per pupil should be sent to the account below before **Friday 22 September**. 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/ngVxCRTw4PDgTRQJA>

## **COMMUNITY INFORMATION**

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

27.09.23	Macmillan Coffee Afternoon
29.09.23	School Closure – School Development Day 1
09.10.23	Harvest donations sent to school
<b>05.10.23</b>	<b>P1 Parent Consultations</b>
<b>11.10.23</b>	<b>Assessment Closure – all pupils collected @ 2pm</b>
18.10.23	Harvest Assembly
25.10.23	P6&P7 Ballyclare High School – Chitty Chitty Bang Bang
25.10.23	<b>P2-P7</b> Parent Consultations
26.10.23	<b>P2-P7</b> Parent Consultations
27.10.23	PTA Non – Uniform Day 1 - School closes at 2pm for all pupils
07.12.23	Provisional Pupil Christmas Party
12.12.23	Christmas Concert (6.30pm)
05.01.24	Annual Pantomime Grand Opera House

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