

October (1) 2024

Dear parent,

Another month begins with much to look forward to. Our 'Roots of Empathy' programme begins this afternoon for P3/P4. The whole class are very excited to welcome Mrs Simpson today and baby Eliza and her mum Amy in future weeks.

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 Monday 7 October.

<https://forms.gle/HU7JJfVHEBSC9hCRA>

P1/P2 pupils should come to school dressed as farmers for the harvest assembly.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

These will commence on **Wednesday 6 November** for all pupils. Please complete the google form below to enrol your child/children into these sessions.

LEGO CLUB

Led by Clay Razy

6 Sessions: 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th November, 4th and 11th December

£30 due in cash or cheque payable to Clay Razy on the day of the first session.

<https://forms.gle/LRw2PyLSnYzRyxoD9>

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NEW SCHOOL PROSPECTUS

The school is updating its prospectus for which photographs will be taken on **Friday 18 October**. Please complete the google form linked below by **Friday 11 October** giving your permission for your child/ren's image to be used. I would ask that all pupils wear their full uniform on this date, **no PE uniform**.

<https://forms.gle/ErVf6HxQ7KEBJCbv8>

BROWN MONEY FUNDRAISER

The pupils have made a fantastic start to this fundraising adventure and have already earned their first reward. They will have 5 minutes extra playtime on the next dry breaktime.

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

All payments for the annual pantomime trip should now have been made. If you have yet to do so, please make payment by **Wednesday 9 October** using the bank details below.

Charge:	Pantomime	£12.00	
	Double Decker Bus	£ 6.80	
	Total	£18.80	per pupil

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)**

Appointments have been sent home.

JOLLY PHONICS P1 PARENTS

A Jolly Phonics information session will be held for parents of P1 pupils on **Thursday 7 November at 2.30pm**. Please inform Mrs Magowan of your availability to attend.

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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>

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

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

Dance Life by Lucy - Flyer attached.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

09.10.24	Library Van visit
15.10.24	Harvest Assembly @ 1.15pm
16.10.24	Flu Vaccination
18.10.24	School Prospectus Photographs
23.10.24	Parent Consultations
24.10.24	Parent Consultations
25.10.24	School closes at 2pm for all pupils
28.10.24	Mid -term holiday begins.
01.11.24	Mid-term holiday ends
06.11.24	After School Clubs commence for all pupils.
07.11.24	P1 Jolly Phonics Meeting 2.30pm
10.12.24	Christmas Concert (6.30pm)

Mrs V Ferguson
(PRINCIPAL)

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