



November Newsletter: 2022

ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



Dates for your Diary for November:

Monday 15th November 2022

ODD SOCK Day Fund-raiser.

£2 per child

Most importantly, Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!

All money will go to NI Anti-Bullying Forum and towards raising funds to allow them to support schools in this crucial area.

Monday 14th - Friday 18th Anti-Bullying Week.

Encourage your child to chat about the work they are doing in school this week for raising awareness on bullying and how to manage this.

Each pupil will create a poster for the theme

'REACH OUT!' We will have our annual competition to highlight the 2 most creative posters as chosen by each class. These will be put onto the website for all to see.

Flu Vaccine via nasal spray.

Thursday 1st December

This year especially, with COVID still very active, it is vital to vaccinate all children to avoid a combination of COVID and flu hitting any child at the same time. We urge all parents to take up the opportunity for their child/ren.

School Closed for all pupils.

Tuesday 1st November (Mid-Term)

Monday 28th November (Staff Training Day)

Morning Club/2-3pm Club for 2022 - 2023

Morning Club starts at 8:00am - 9:10am.

Children can arrive after 8:00am but they must still be registered for Morning Club as this is the only supervision available before class.

All children enter by the back door into the hall for the club.

2 - 3pm Club (P2 & P3)

Cost £5 per week per child signed up to each club irrespective of how many days they do or do not attend.

Daily Register will be kept of all attendees and weekly payments recorded - money paid on first day of each week for that week.

The school does not receive Extended school's funding. Consequently, no one is paid to cover these clubs. All money raised goes to school funds.

GAA Support

Thank you to Liam Slater and Ulster GAA for providing coaching for P5 - P7 pupils for each Wednesday afternoon 1:10pm - 2:50pm until Christmas at least.

We will operate timetabled sessions that will be outside, weather permitting, as much as possible

Swimming Primary 5.

Swimming Wednesday Mornings.

November 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th

December 7th & 14th.

Permission letters will be sent out.

Healthy Kidz Programmes.

P2 - P7 pupils are more than half way through their Healthy Kidz sessions and well done to all participants for their energy, commitment and attendance at all sessions to date!

We hope to send out letters of interest for Term 2 and see if there is demand for other programmes.

Funding from DE/EA for 'Healthy, Happy Minds' initiative.

DE/EA have made available a sum of money to support children and their Mental Health in the coming weeks.

It is planned for Healthy Kidz to take sessions initially in P1 -P4 classes for 30 - 40minutes one day a week with a focus on Emotional wellbeing, particularly resilience coupled with some physical activity.

While it will not, unfortunately, be possible to support each child individually, feel all children will benefit from the sessions within class groups.

We hope the funding will be extended further in Term 2 that will allow us to include KS2 classes also.

Further details of the programme for P1 - P4 will be issued via website.

Daily Mile

Every class in the school are involved in doing the Daily Mile with their teachers and Teaching Assistants each day this term. Some jog while others walk at a pace but all are involved and enjoying the experience. This is all part of the mental health and welfare programme this year for our pupils alongside other initiatives above.

Christmas "My Child's Art"

Once again, we are doing the Christmas Cards fund raiser across the school. You will hear your child talk about designing their Christmas Card in school - rest assured, we have not taken leave of our senses - but need to submit the children's designs before November 4th so they can be printed and ready to purchase before Christmas does arrive.

All purchases will be via an online portal and no money will come into the school. Further details will be sent our very shortly explaining how to access the designs using our school access code.

You will receive a text and each child will take home a flyer to explain how to access our school Art work and each individual child's design.

All orders and payment will be via the unique online portal direct to My Child's Art and no money will be collected by the school to make payments for anything ordered on behalf of parents or family.

We hope you enjoy your child's creation!

School Fundraiser

for Marie Curie Nurses...

Our school dress-up day, contributions from Morning Club and 2 - 3pm Club for last week and our staff coffee morning has raised an unbelievable total of:

£1,050

towards support of Marie Curie Nurses in our local community.

A MASSIVE and sincere 'Thank you!' to everyone who contributed to this fundraiser.
