

Hello everyone.

I hope you are all looking forward to a fun filled Halloween Weekend and that all important extra hour in bed as the clocks go back in the early hours of Sunday morning.

HALLOWEEN:

Our fabulous Parent Council have organised a Spooktacular Event which is taking place in the park tomorrow. I have attached a copy of the posters which you may have seen on Twitter or around the village. There is a lot going on and it will be lovely to see you all there. All they ask is that you remember your costume and pennies!

COP26

I am sure you are aware that all eyes will be on Glasgow over the next few weeks as hosts of COP26. We, along with schools across Scotland, are linking a lot of our learning during the time towards climate change and how we can play our part in reducing its impact. As part of our learning, our Rights Respecting Group are organising a special 'Junk Art' Challenge. You will find more details below:



WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY NOVEMBER 20
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RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS UNICEF

This year, World Children's Day falls on a Saturday, but we want to mark it in Uplawmoor Primary. The theme this year is 'A better future for every child' and the Rights Respecting Committee have organised to celebrate this on Thursday 11th November, during COP26. We are inviting everyone to wear blue on the day to show our support for UNICEF and the Rights of the Child.

The Rights Respecting have also organised a special 'Junk Art' Challenge to take place and are asking for donations of any dry, clean recycling items (e.g. plastic bottles, cardboard boxes, yogurt containers, etc.). We kindly ask that they please be handed in by Friday 5th November.

HOMEWORK CONSULTATION:

Thank you to those of you who have completed the consultation on homework. The survey is now closed and we look forward to sharing the views of the whole school community with you very soon.

PHOTOGRAPHER:

Just to remind you that Tempest Photography are coming into the school on Friday 5th November. We ask that the children come to school in school uniform. Please note that there will be no PE taking place on that day. If your child would normally have PE on a Friday, then their class teacher will communicate to you when this will now be taking place. As we need to know in advance if you would like a family photograph, can you complete the form [here](#).

TEA TOWEL:

Our Parent Council have arranged for Tea Towels, which will feature self-portraits of our students and staff. Towels can be purchased for £5 (or 3 for £13). Please ensure that you complete [this form](#) and make your payments on Parent Pay.

When paying, you will be asked for a quantity and the amount you wish to pay – if you are wanting to buy 3, please enter £13. If you are wanting to buy 5, please enter £23. **When entering the**

quantity, on Parent Pay, please only enter 1. As long as you have completed the form indicating how many you wish to buy and have paid the correct amount, we will know how many you are wanting.

PARENT MEETINGS:

Can I remind you that we are in the process of arranging Parent Meetings which is an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress? Please follow the link below which will allow you to complete the online booking form. The meetings will take place on Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd November.

[PARENT MEETING](#)

STAFFING UPDATE

As always, I have mixed emotions when I share with you news of a member of our team moving on. Mr Blackwell has been successful in securing a Senior Business Support Assistant post in Carlibar Primary School. The good news is that he is with us until the Christmas Break. I know you will join with me in congratulating Mr Blackwell and when it is time for him to leave us, he will go with our very best wishes.

ROAD SAFETY

We have had a very concerned parent contact us with regards to a near miss with one of our younger children earlier in the week. Can we appeal to you that you drive with extra care, mind your speed and ensure extra caution is taken around the school or, if possible, leave your car at home at pick up time? I am sure you will want to do everything possible to ensure that none of our school community is hurt or worse.

Please do not hesitate to contact us. Remember no question or problem is too small to discuss with us.

Best Regards

Fiona McKay
Head Teacher