

Welcome Back Bulletin

Monday 27 October

Dear Families – welcome back to Term 2 in Nursery and School. I do hope you all had a positive break from school and that children are raring to go for another term of learning and play. Here are a few wee notes to share with you....some that can't wait till Friday 😊

- Today, school children (oldest child or only child) are bringing home the invite to attend Parent Contact sessions with their child's teacher. Please read and then let us know which of the 2 dates you are free to attend (4th or 6th November, between 4.00 – 6.30pm).
Nursery parents will be invited for a parent contact with their child's key worker over a period of 2 weeks. Each ECP will offer parents a sit down chat either in the morning or the end of an afternoon nursery session. These meetings will take place in a quiet area of the school near the Nursery. ECPs will send notes home to parents about this.
 - Scholastic Book Fair will be visiting our school again this week. It arrives on Thursday 30th October and departs 13th November. The Book Fair is usually very exciting and we let all the children take a browse to see what they can buy. There are typically 3 big metal shelves with books for different age ranges. We offer parents the chance to see these at the end of a school day (just pop in via the main door) or during the Parent Contact sessions, when they'll be open for you to browse/shop. Nursery parents can visit the Bookfair any morning between 9am and 9.30am. All purchases result in the school building up commission which allows us to buy books for our library/classrooms. This is a non-cash venture with a QR code to scan when making payments. So parents please note to bring your mobile device. We will have a talk with all children reminding them that money does not grow on trees....and not to be too demanding in regards to expecting books bought for them. Books can be bought as seen and taken away on payment, unless it is the LAST book on the shelf. If that is the case, we need to take names and order the books...which usually are brought with the Scholastic team as they collect the Book Fair on the 13th.
 - As Hallowe'en falls on Friday this week, we will go for a non-uniform day, for those who want to dress up (in disguise) or dress down (in their comfy clothes). As usual, we request that children don't come in scary masks and keep face paint to a minimum. We usually enjoy a whole school Hallowe'en cat walk so they can show off their outfit – but it is optional for those who enjoy that kind of thing. Classes may engage in some Hallowe'en fun at a set time on Friday (but not all day!) If you'd rather your child/ren did not take part, please do let us know in advance.
 - This year, we're going to do a special art activity to commemorate Remembrance Day. If your child wants to take part, please can they bring in an empty plastic water bottle (of the recycling variety). Size is not important. We'll be starting this week, so please bring it in early if you can. Thanks.
- We do have poppies 'for sale' to children, but parents need to make payment on ParentPay. Office will deliver poppies as they are paid for.
- Some photos have arrived These will be sent home with children unless you tell us otherwise! Be prepared for checking school bags – big photos won't fit in there so children will be carrying them.

- Please remember to have your child's NAME on all items of clothing.....even winter coats and boots! It is remarkable how many items of clothing end up in lost property and nobody claims them. A reminder, too, that we recommend only water in children's water bottles (a dependency on diluting juice in there isn't great for teeth).
- Advance reminder: in-service days Thursday 13 and Friday 14 November....school and nursery closed to pupils on these days.

Kind regards

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