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## KEY DIARY DATES for OCTOBER

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**TUESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> October – P7 Meeting for Lockerbie Manor Trip @ 6pm in the school**

**WEDNESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> – P7 (small gp) to visit Bothwell Care Home @ 1.30pm**

**THURSDAY 4<sup>th</sup> – Professor Bob Davis to visit P4 to discuss their Class Topic**

**FRIDAY 4<sup>th</sup> – FIRST FRIDAY MASS@ 9.30am**

**+ WELCOME MASS for P1 – ALL parents welcome Tea + Coffee in the School Hall afterwards**

**Scholastic Book Fair arrives in the school.**

**PARENT'S NIGHT - THURSDAY 10<sup>th</sup> October @**

**3-.30-8pm – appointments will be issued on FRIDAY 4<sup>th</sup> October.**

**NO After-school CLUBS on THURSDAY 10<sup>th</sup>**

### **OCTOBER BREAK**

**MONDAY 14<sup>th</sup> – FRIDAY 18<sup>th</sup> October**

**SCHOOL reopens as usual Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October**

**TUESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> – CHILDSMILE for P1 + P2**

**THURSDAY 31<sup>st</sup> – Halloween Disco in school + Parade. Details across**

### **KEY Dates in NOVEMBER**

**FRIDAY 1<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER - All Saints Day**

**First Friday Mass @ 9.30am**

**P7 RESIDENTIAL Trip – MONDAY 18<sup>th</sup> - FRIDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER (Lockerbie Manor)**

### **INSERVICE DATES**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> + Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> – SCHOOL CLOSED**

**WEDNESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> – Sacramental Preparation Meetings for P3, P4 and P6 + P7 parents**

**( see over for details)**

**FRIDAY 29<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER – Christmas Fair!**



## ST. BRIDE'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Don't forget to keep up to date using our new School APP!

Twitter - @stbridesschool

Dear Parents and friends,



It is hard to believe that we are starting October and nearly halfway through the first Term! The last couple of weeks the children have been out and about on visits linked to their Classroom Topics. It is REALLY important that all of the correct paperwork is in place before we can include your child.

PLEASE make sure that you have returned ALL Data information and updates, included any Medical Information that the school should be aware of and ensured that your Parent Pay Account is working appropriately making and receipting payments. As you can imagine the school office is very busy, particularly on a Wednesday and Friday with staff reduced. It is important that all of these things are in place to guarantee that you do not need to be contacted and disturbed unnecessarily.

It is also important to note that if a child does not have the correct paperwork in place and medicines available, inline with SLC Policy, we cannot take your child out of the building for any reason. The completion of an EV5 gives us your general permission including in situations when unscheduled opportunities arise and all children can still be involved.

PLEASE check schoolbags etc if you are unsure if paperwork has been returned – look for a BROWN envelope or check text messages as you will have been notified by the school.

Thank You!

### **ANNUAL CURRICULUM NIGHT**

*This evening seems a long time ago now but I wanted to thank all of those parents who ventured out to Meet the Staff in the Nursery and the School despite the weather warnings and the heavy rain. Just goes to prove, we can never doubt the commitment of our parents as it seems it will take a lot more than a bit of flooding to keep you from supporting your children! Thank you and hopefully our up and coming Parent's Night will be exciting for different reasons!*

## **PARENT NEWS UPDATE!**

### **P7 Residential Meeting on TUESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER @ 6pm in P7 Classroom**

This will include a short Powerpoint presentation about Lockerbie Manor and some details about the final arrangements for our Trip at the beginning of November.

Parents and P7 children are invited along, unfortunately we would like to ask that younger children do not attend as we anticipate a very busy meeting, large numbers and limited space.

The Presentation will last approximately 30 minutes with a short discussion afterwards. The meeting will be 1 hour in total During the evening we will discuss the activities and suggested items to be packed for the trip. I would ask Parents to stick closely to this list and to avoid purchasing any expensive items of clothing which are unnecessary. Hopefully giving the list early enough means that October break would be a good time to gather things together.

### **FRIDAY 4<sup>th</sup> October – MASS @ 9.30am in St Bride’s Church**

This First Friday Mass will be our rescheduled “Welcome Mass “ for our P1 children. This is a very appropriate day to choose as it is St Francis of Assisi Feast Day who reminds us to care for our world, our environment and our communities. Our P1 children are the future of our school and their hard work and the joy they have brought to the school should be celebrated.

ALL P1 parents and families are invited back to the school for a Celebratory Tea in the Main Hall after Mass. It would be wonderful to see parents from across the school joining them to Welcome fellow parents into our Community.

### **HEALTH WEEK – week beginning Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October**

Mrs Mc Carron has been working hard behind the scenes organising this week, which is shaping up to being very busy, varied and certainly a lot of FUN! A main school focus this year is to ensure that we continue to provide the best possible learning environment and experiences for our children.

We need to consider the opportunities and challenges and support everyone academically, physically, emotionally and as a Catholic school spiritually to be the best they can be.

Our Health Week Focus will inform the learning activities across the school throughout the week

We have planned a **SCHOOL HEALTH EVENT on WEDNESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

Sponsored “GYMNASTATHON” for P1-4 and “SKIP + KICK” for P5-7. Sponsor Forms will be sent home this week and every child is asked to find 5 Sponsors to support them. As always we would encourage friends and family members only.

### **PARENT’S REPORTING EVENING – THURSDAY 10th OCTOBER**

**Appointment times will be issued on FRIDAY 4<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER – PLEASE Check Bags!**



**On Friday this week your child will bring home their SNAPSHOT jotter, inside their INTERIM REPORT from the teacher and separately a note of your APPOINTMENT TIME on THURSDAY 10<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

**The SNAPSHOT jotter has a Parent Comment Sheet to be completed and the Jotter must be returned on MONDAY 7<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER.** These jotters are very important as ongoing evidence of progress and activities undertaken. They also provide an excellent conversation starter for you with your child and for your child with the class teacher when they discuss your feedback and the suggestions you make for areas to work on.

These jotters will come home at three points in the year – October, March, June. For the majority of children who were with us last year the jotter will bridge work between last session and this – highlights progress, increased expectation. If your child is in P2-P7 and has a new jotter they are either new to us, completed their old jotter in June or the previous jotter was not returned.

PLEASE take time to note your comments to be discussed with your child

The Interim Report included is a short A5 report with key comments to be discussed further on Parent's Night. The Interim Report should remain in the jotter but be signed by a parent to confirm it has been read.

Parent Appointments will take place in your child's classroom with the Teacher. Children in P6 + P7 are invited to attend with their Parents. Children in P1-5 if attending should remain in the School Hall while parents visit the classroom – Staff and Senior Pupils will be on hand to supervise.

Given we have a growing school with 250 x children to accommodate the making up of Appointment Lists is a huge undertaking and begins in early September. Mrs O'Neill does a great job every year to fit everyone in and as such it is important that everyone sticks to their time and is aware that each appointment is approximately 7 minutes long.

At this time of year this time slot is usually more than enough but if there is a situation where you would require additional time after Parents Night to discuss issues further please contact Mrs McCarron P1-3 or Mrs Cleland P4-7.

All Reporting Appointments will be completed before we break up for October Break as we then return to the second half of the First Term.

### **IN THE MAIN HALL on Parent's Night**

On Parent's Night the PTA will be organising a "Pre-loved Uniform Stall" for Parents to have a look this will be available for all.

The SCHOLASTIC Book Fair will be in the school for the week beginning Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October – a great "Well Done treat" The children will bring home a Fair Leaflet on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> to share with you.

***Any parent, grandparent who can offer some time on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> to help at the Book Fair please contact the School Office to "volunteer" Thank You!***

### **HALLOWEEN Celebration in ST.BRIDE'S**



#### **PTA "Costume Swap"**

The PTA are offering a "Halloween Costume Swap / Recycle" in the school. They have been gathering costumes that children have either outgrown or worn before but looking for a change. This is a great idea given how much we pay for costumes and how little wear the children get out of them. We will continue to collect over the month and the rail will be available on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> after Mass and on Parent's Night. Have a look before you get the staple gun and glitter out!

**We are hosting our Annual Disco for the children to celebrate Halloween – THURSDAY 31<sup>st</sup> October**

**It has been agreed that given Thursday is Halloween this event this year will be during the school day**

**On THURSDAY 31<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER the children in P1-7 can come to school dressed in their costumes for our Halloween Parade in the morning and Disco in the afternoon.**

PLEASE NOTE this means no need to go home at lunch for hairdos or makeup – PLEASE COME to school in FULL costume!

Everyone enjoys this part of the year and it is especially nice for the new P1 children.

Can I remind parents that it is very important that when deciding on a costume a couple of things should be taken into consideration.

Firstly the morning part of the day will be the same as usual with playtime and lunchtime and class “work” still being the order of the day, so large, awkward costumes may not be the best for your child, unless there are parts to be easily lifted into place eg – cardboard box over joggers etc

Football colours cannot be worn if your child was considering being a footballer?

“Weapons” should be discouraged and accessories can be carried in the Parade but not out in the playground at break times.

**PLEASE** don't make them too scary, sometimes the youngest children terrify themselves when they are dressed up!

**And finally....**

***A quick suggestion.....***

As the weather has started to turn colder and become a little more unpredictable I would always remind parents to ensure that the children come to school with a good outdoor jacket and shoes for playtimes and activities outside.

Wellies are always a popular and simple choice for the younger children.

Our **WALKING BUS** is a key part of our Health Promoting School and “pick-up” will be **TUESDAY@ 8.45** in the Church Car Park – led by Mrs Braceland

**Reminder...**

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS will continue after the October break with the addition of lunchtime Clubs for P1 + P2 run by our Senior Pupils.

Thank you as always for your continued support.

Kind regards, Mrs Pacitti

**YOU SUGGESTED IT – WE LISTENED! A return slip for ideas and suggestions on school improvement and progress**

**Parents only**

**Suggestion/Comment:**

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**WEDNESDAY “OPEN AFTERNOON” – EVERY WEEK between 1-3pm**

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