***OCTOBER NEWSLETTER***

***After School Activities***

There will be no after-school activities during the month of October. Choir will begin after school each Wednesday in November and will be organised by Miss Grant and Mrs Nelis. The club is open to P4-P7 and will begin on 3rd November. Pick up time will be 3.30pm. No charge for this club is required.

***School Start Time***

A big thank you to all pupils who are arriving to school on time each day. This is really appreciated and we encourage you to keep these efforts up. Attendance during September has also been excellent and we will be awarding rewards for full attendance during the month of October.

***Book Fair***

A big thankyou to all who supported our 2021/2022 Book Fair. Congratulations to all children listed below who received £5.00 to spend at our recent book fair. We ran colouring competitions and book review competitions and the winners from each class were as follows:

P1/P2 – Kyara Lourenco

P3/P4 – Alex Bolton

P5 – Tyler Green

P6/P7 – Mia Corbett

£ 241.26 commission was raised and books will be purchased for all classrooms.

***Wings Appeal***

Thank you to all who contributed to a collection for the Royal Air Force Association during the month of September.

***Parent Interviews***

Please note Monday 18th October – Friday 22nd October school will finish for all pupils at 1pm to enable parent interviews to take place. Invites for interviews will be sent out Friday 1st October. Please plan to attend.

***Student Council***

Anyone from P5-P7 interested in joining our Student Council this year please meet after school on Thursday 7th October in school assembly hall. Pick up time is 3.30pm.

***Maths Week***

We will be celebrating Maths Week from 16th-24th October giving our pupils an opportunity to celebrate mathematics and boost motivation. Maths Week is committed to the ideas of “Maths for All” and all pupils will be engaged in activities helping prepare them to become creative, resilient, co-operative problem solvers. An environment of exploration and excitement will be promoted in all classrooms. Watch out for photos on all Class-Dojo pages.

***COVID 19***

Please remember due to COVID 19 we are not permitting parents into classrooms. All pupils will be brought into school by a member of staff. If you are attending an interview or meeting in school, please ensure a face mask is worn. If you are exempt, please inform the member of staff you are meeting with.

***Sickness***

If your child is sent home from school due to sickness it is advised they remain at home for 48hours. Thank you so much for your support in this matter.

***Pupil of the Month***

Awards for excellent behaviour and manners were awarded for the month of September. Congratulations to all pupils listed below: -

P1 – Harley Nesbitt

P2 - Nate Bolton

P3 - Alfie Ferguson

P4 - Grace McCann

P5 - Kylie Edgar

P6 - Morgan Boyce

P7 - Anna Greer

Awards will be given out at the end of October for excellent homework in each class.

***Recorders***

P5-P7 will be participating in recorder lessons as part of their music lessons in school. Recorders can be purchased from the school office at a cost of £5.00.

***Cash for Clobber***

Please remember our Cash for Clobber Appeal. All old/unwanted clothes, shoes, blankets, towels etc. to be left in school assembly hall no later than Friday 15 October 2021.

Many thanks for your cooperation.

***School Christmas Cards***

Please remember artwork for school Christmas cards, mugs etc. must be in school no later than 8th October. **Please note all money must be paid before this date otherwise orders will not be processed.**

***Dress Up Day***

Friday 22nd October we will be having a non-uniform day to celebrate Down Syndrome awareness month. Donations of £1.00 per pupil would be appreciated. This money will be passed on to DSUK a small charity which provides support for parents of a child/children with Down Syndrome and the children themselves. Many thanks for your support. Non uniform means ordinary clothes. We are not encouraging Halloween costumes but any child who wishes to wear a costume on the day may do so.

***School Dinners***

School dinners are now being sent to us from King’s Park Primary due to a shortage of staff at Carrick Primary where our dinners have previously come from. I have spoken with King’s Park about the single choice menu and the convenience pudding served. They have taken my concerns on board but are under extreme pressure with staffing issues at present and are doing the best they can at present to provide a school dinner. I would advise all parents to consult the school menu before ordering school dinner for their child/children.

**Can I also ask that school dinners are ordered and paid for on a Monday please with money being sent in an envelope with days dinner is required clearly marked.**