



Parent Information Sheet
Friday 27th September 2019

READY **KEY THREE...** **SAFE**
RESPECTFUL

**SCHOOL IS CLOSED ON MONDAY 7TH OCTOBER FOR STAFF TRAINING.
SCHOOL REOPENS AT USUAL TIME ON TUESDAY 8TH.**

P1 PARENTS IMPORTANT REMINDER

*Next week P1s will be staying for a full day and will be going home at 2.00pm from Monday.
School dinners (£2.60 a day) must be ordered online using the School Money Website and the password issues at the start of the year. Dinners need to be ordered and paid for by midnight on the Sunday at the start of any week.*

PTA CRYSTAL BALL

The Crystal Ball to celebrate our 15th year as an Integrated school is on Saturday 5th October at Clandeboye Lodge. The PTA are running a fundraising auction on the evening and details of the auction items will be published on DoJo this week and there will be instructions on there for anyone who wishes to place a bid in absentia.

ACTION MS Sponsored Walk

Next Friday is our first charity event of the year when all the staff and children will be taking part in the Action MS sponsored walk. The walk takes place during normal school hours and so the children will come to school as normal. However we are happy for the children to come to school in their **PE Kit** wearing their **SCHOOL SWEATSHIRT** ie. tracksuit bottoms and trainers or other sensible walking shoes. P1 & P2 can wear their own leggings or tracksuit bottoms. There is a fair chance that there may be an odd shower and so a **WATERPROOF COAT** would also be a good idea.

The children will be travelling to and from Crawfordsburn by bus accompanied by school staff.

I know that the children have been busy asking family and friends for sponsorship and any collected money should be returned to the class teacher on or before **FRIDAY 11th OCTOBER**.

It has been quite sometime since the whole school took part in an event like this and we are really looking forward to the morning - fingers crossed the weather will be kind!

Assembly

Last Wednesday we had a special assembly when the children in each House got to vote for who they wanted to see in the role of House Captain & Vice Captain for their respective Houses. Then in the classrooms the children have been busy electing representatives for the ECO Team and the Pupil Council. On Thursday we announced who will be representing the pupil body this year and presented the newly elected office bearers from the various groups with their badges for 2019/20.

Article 12 from the UNCRC states that children have the right to voice their opinions and our House Captains, Pupil Council and ECO Team play an important role in ensuring our children's voice is heard. The newly elected office bearers are:-

HOUSE CAPTAINS

BLUE EAGLES Macushla McKeown & Jake Green

GREEN HAWKS Anton Yakovchuk & Emilie Sweeney

YELLOW OWLS Max Mulligan & Holly Blythe

RED FALCONS Olivia Currie & Felix Stokes

CLASS ECO TEAM REP

P7 Charlie McElduff & Zack Todd

P6 Benjamin French

P5 Charles Dunca

P4 Max Reid

P3 Catherine Cummins

P2 Isla Anderson

P1 Robin French

PUPIL COUNCIL

P7	Ellie McLarnon (chair) Victoria Meharg (secretary) Imogen (treasurer)	First Half of Year
	Sophie Murray (chair) Lucy Andrews (secretary) Ellie Keatley (treasurer)	Second Half of Year
P6 Representative	John Kinney	
P5 Representative	Tiernan McKeown	
P4 Representative	Ryan Edgar	

Volunteer Helper Forms

Today the teachers have distributed Volunteer Helper forms to be completed if you think you might like to help out in school on an occasional basis, for example giving children a lift to an event or coming in to school to talk to a class. These forms are available from and returned to the class teacher. If however you think you are going to be volunteering on a regular basis, (once a week or four times in a month), then an ACCESS NI form must be completed and details are available from the office. Both the in-house and ACCESS NI forms now need to be completed on an **annual basis**.

Senior Choir's First Outing

Congratulations to our Senior Choir who performed at the opening of last Friday's Hollywood Culture Night. It was lovely to be part of this community event and even though there was a technical hitch and the children had to sing unaccompanied for their second piece the children weren't in the slightest perturbed!! In fact it showed just what a super choir they are and they sounded great! Well done choir and thank you to all the parents who took the time out of their Friday evening to come along.

Noise - Playing after school

With the much welcomed better weather this week parents have taken advantage of the opportunity to linger a bit longer at the 2.00pm pick up. However it would be much appreciated if the children could avoid playing outside the classrooms at the front of the school. The P5, P6 & P7 classes are still working and the teachers are at times competing with the noise and distractions outside their windows.

Also just to remind everyone that children playing football on the pitch after school should be accompanied by an adult. Many thanks.

Change to Bank Holiday

As many of you will already know that for many Public Bodies the Bank Holiday originally set for Monday 4th May 2020 is being moved to Friday 8th May 2020. We have been instructed by the Education Authority that they too will be making this change and therefore schools are being asked to do the same. We are therefore giving advance notice that our holiday list for 2019.20 will be amended to reflect this. School will be open as normal on 4th May and closed for the Bank Holiday on 8th May instead.

Explorers and Mums & Toddlers

Check out information on two new children's activities at Holy Trinity (Glencraig Parish Church.)

Dates to put in your diary...

Tues. 1st Oct.	P3 Shared Education Programme 19/20 starts
Fri. 4th Oct.	Action MS Sponsored Walk
Sat. 5th Oct.	PTA Crystal Ball
Monday 7th Oct.	SCHOOL CLOSED Staff Development Day
Week beginning 21st Oct.	P1-P6 Parent/Teacher Interviews
Mon 28th Oct – Fri. 1st Nov (incl)	Half Term Holiday