



*Second-hand Toy Appeal (please see below)*



**Fortnightly Friday Note**  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September

### **Welcome Back**

A very warm welcome back to everyone. For those of you new to our school this is the first of our fortnightly newsletters aimed at keeping everyone up-to-date with what is going on at All Children's. I hope you will find it useful. A special welcome as well to all our new children and their parents and carers.

### **New Blind Fixtures**

Many thanks to Emily and Isla's grandfather, Frank, who very kindly came in over the summer to repair all our blind cords. Thanks for a great job.

### **Breakfast Club and After-schools Facility**

A reminder for everyone in case you were unaware that we offer both a Breakfast Club which runs from 8-00am to 8-45am and costs £2-00 per child per day and an after-school facility which runs for our P1s (after they start full days), P2s and P3s (Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays) and runs from 2-00pm to 2-45pm. The cost for this is £3-00 per child per day. Please contact the office if you need any further information.

### **Assembly and Second-hand Toy Appeal**

Our assembly this week focussed on helping our boys and girls look after all the lovely toys, games and dressing-up clothes which they play with at lunchtime. I also spoke to them about how some of the toys need to be replaced and with that in mind asked if anyone had any second-hand toys/dressing-up clothes which they no longer need. We are keen to get any of the following:

- Action figures
- Dolls
- Toy dinosaurs, rockets, houses etc
- Dressing-up clothes
- Tennis rackets, badminton rackets etc
- Any toys which would be popular for any of our age groups

Please send them in to your child's teacher if you have any toys which you could contribute. Thanks.

### **'Play Matters'**

Please see attached some information from the Department of Education's Young People and Children's Strategy Team on the importance of play.

### **After-school Clubs**

We will again be running a number of after-school clubs this term. Please note that all clubs start on week commencing Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Free Schools Meals**

If you think your child might be entitled to Free School Meals / uniform allowance please contact the school office and we can provide you with all the necessary paperwork. Unfortunately we are unable to provide Free School Meals until we have received notification from the Education Authority that a child is entitled to them. **Please note that it is necessary to re-apply every year if your child is entitled to this.**



### **Epipen/Inhaler Expiry Dates**

We have recently been contacting parents of children who use inhalers or may need to have access to Epipens. Following recent training we were told that these parents can sign up through their GP to a text alert system which will tell them when these items are about to expire. If this applies to you please do ask next time you are at your GP.

### **Nut Allergies**

As you may have noticed we are currently also updating all our records for children with allergies and other medical conditions. Please can everyone be aware that All Children's is a nut free zone. It is obviously of great importance that we all ensure that no nut products come into school.

### **Healthy Breaks**

Just a reminder that we operate a healthy break and lunch policy throughout the school. At break we would ask that all children only bring healthy breaks such as yogurt, cheese, fruit etc into school. Could I also ask that children come to school with a full water bottle (no juice please), which they can keep on their desk throughout the day. The Public Health Agency website [www.pha.site/healthylunchbox](http://www.pha.site/healthylunchbox) has plenty of top tips, ideas and advice on this important matter.

### **Parent Volunteers**

Each year we rely on the help of parents who can provide extra supervision for school trips and visits. If you think you might be able to help out even once or twice please let me or the office know and we will help you process the necessary Access NI checks etc.

### **Northern Comedy Night for Integrated Education**

On Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 8-00pm the Integrated Education Fund is holding 'Stand Up for Integrated Education' at the Ulster Hall. A line-up of Tim McGarry, mentalist David Meade and comedians Wendy Wason, Neil Delamere and Colin Murphy will be giving of their time to raise money for the IEF, the charity which works to grow Integrated Education. The show is aimed at over-16s and some tickets are available at £20-00 from the Ulster Hall box office (028 9033 4455).

### **Up and Coming Events**

Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	After-school clubs commence GAA coaching (P4-P7) commences (morning)
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	PSNI Road Safety Assembly
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	P5 Shared Education Workshop with CRIS (Community Relations in Schools)
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Action MS Assembly
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	P3 Shared Education Field Trip (Castlewellan Forest Park)
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	P4 Shared Education Workshop with CRIS (Community Relations in Schools)
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Whole School Safeguarding Assembly Linguistic Phonics Workshop for Parents (evening - details to follow)
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Beginning of Year Mass (10-00am)
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Action MS Walk (details to follow)
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	P4 Shared Education Field Trip (Murlough Beach)
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	M & M productions 'Peter Pan' (12-45pm)
Week 22 <sup>nd</sup> - 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Teacher Interviews
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	School finishes for Halloween Break
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	School re-opens