



**25<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

**WELL DONE**

Congratulations to: Alfie (P3 G/B) – Man of the Match for Ballysillan Swifts; and Myleene (P3G/B) – received her junior black belt in Tae Kwando. Well done everyone.

**SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PLANNING**

We are required to produce a new School Development Plan every 3 years and part of this process involves an input from our parents. Please complete a special online Parents' Survey by using the following link from your computer, phone or other electronic device:

[https://sdp.wholeschool.ie/cavehillps\\_1010831/questionnaire/68e309f5-0a76-475b-8621-047bcf9265f4](https://sdp.wholeschool.ie/cavehillps_1010831/questionnaire/68e309f5-0a76-475b-8621-047bcf9265f4)

This shorter version of the link, which was sent out last week via text to parents, should also take you to the same place:

<http://bit.ly/2OAb9Wq> (please note that the O is a capital 'o' and **not** a zero)

The *One Time* password to access this survey is: **cavehill2018**

**Closing date: 28 Sept 2018. (It will not be possible to submit a response after this date.)**

We really ask that you take a few minutes to complete this survey as the results will enable us to factor your views into our planning for the next few years. This is the first time that we are trying to use a new online means of gathering parents' responses and we are unfortunately unable to offer a paper version of this survey, as the results have to be entered electronically in order for this software to analyse results. **Only one response per family is required.**

**MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING GRANDPARENTS' DAY**

This year the PTA MacMillan Coffee Morning and Grandparents' Day will be held on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September**. Doors open at 9.15 am and the event will finish at 10.30am, with **classroom visits from 9.30 -10.20am**.

While the focus is on welcoming grandparents to the school, this is a community event and any relative is welcome to join us for coffee. If you cannot attend, but would like to donate to MacMillan, please leave donations in an envelope at the office.

**We would appreciate any donations of buns/tray bakes etc. to help with this event and ask that they are left on the table in the foyer on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September. Any volunteers please contact Meghan Hoyt (meg.hoyt3@gmail.com)**

**REMINDER: SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING**

Please remember that school will be closed for staff training on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October.

### **P1 FULL DAY**

Please note that our P1 pupils will be staying for the full day from Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Please ensure that appropriate arrangements are in place for lunch – either school meals or a packed lunch. Children will finish at 1.55pm each day from this date.

### **AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

After school clubs have now started and pupils were sent home information about which clubs they got a place in last week.

### **SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS**

Please ensure that any orders are sent to the school office by **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September**.

### **SCHOOL FUND ACCOUNT**

The School Fund account is used for a variety of purposes, including purchasing additional books/resources, repairing iPads, paying for transport for events, supplementing entrance fees/transport/workshops for school trips, purchasing lunchtime resources etc. We are very grateful for your help with this and would ask that all contributions are sent to school by **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September**.

### **HEALTHY BREAK**

The importance of living a healthy lifestyle is highlighted through our teaching and would ask that you reinforce this message to our children by ensuring that you provide them with a healthy break. We have a Healthy Break Policy which is available from our school website or on request from the school office.

### **FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

Please remember to apply for Free School Meals if you are entitled to receive these. This does not mean that you have to avail of a meal if you prefer to take a packed lunch; it does, however, give you the option of having a free school meal if you wish to do so at any stage.

**Any applications that are successfully approved by the 5<sup>th</sup> October will result in additional funding for the school.**

**Application forms are available from the school office or via the Education Authority.**