



23rd October 2018

HARVEST COLLECTION

Thank you for all your donations for the North Belfast Food Bank. These donations have been passed on to this organisation and they were very appreciative of these items.

SUCCESS AT THE ULSTER SCHOOLS SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Four swimmers travelled to Bangor Aurora at the weekend to represent Cavehill PS at the Ulster Schools Swimming Championships. Finn B (P6) swam strongly in the 50 Free and 50 Breaststroke achieving two great PBs, and Hanbal (P7B) – in his first ever gala – showed great strength, determination and promise for the future while also recording two PBs. Ines S (P7T) swam well in the 50 Fly despite losing her goggles, and reached the final of the 100 Individual Medley coming in 4th with a fantastic PB. Moss S (P5H) also achieved two strong PBs en route to the finals of the 50 Free and 50 Fly, in which he took gold and silver respectively. Ines and Moss qualified for the Irish Schools finals in both their events, and will compete in Dublin in February. All four swimmers are members of Alliance, the North Belfast swim club – contact secretary@allianceasc.com if interested.

FOOTBALL TEAM NEWS

Congratulations to our fantastic Football Team who have been playing so well in recent weeks. Cavehill 2 v Carr's Glen 1 (Edco under 11 Cup); and Cavehill 5 v Gilnahirk 3 (Davy Wilson Cup). Well done everyone and a special thank you to Mr Mawhirk and Mr Bennett for their help in preparing the team for these matches.

PARENTAL INTERVIEWS

Please note that parental interviews are taking place this week (Monday – Thursday). Children will finish at 12.50pm on these days to facilitate these meetings. School and after school clubs will operate as normal on Friday 26th October but **please note that there will be no Dodgeball this week as per the calendar of dates which was provided at the start of this current season.**

Please note that all after school clubs and 2-3 Club will be cancelled for 22nd – 25th October.

PLAY EQUIPMENT

We are keen to renew some of our accessories for our Mud Kitchen. If you have any old pots, pans, sieves, ladles etc. that you no longer need, then we would be happy to receive them and will make use of any donations during outdoor play. Also, P3 would be keen to get some more Lego and would really appreciate donations of any types of Lego for use in their Activity Based Learning.

P1 VETTING FORMS

Any P1 parents who received vetting forms at the P1 Induction Meetings in June, are reminded to return your forms to the school office asap, as we need to ensure that we have a sufficient number of parents vetted to help with the Christmas trip.

END OF TERM PARTY

Following on from the success of previous years, we are planning to have parties on Friday 26th October during the school day. There will be a party for P1-2, P3-4 and P5-7 pupils. All children will finish at their normal time and children may come to school in fancy dress if they wish, but we would ask parents to ensure that costumes are age appropriate, so younger pupils are not upset. A voluntary donation of £1 per child would be very much appreciated to help cover the expenses.

HALF-TERM HOLIDAY

Please note that school will be closed from Monday 29th October – Friday 2nd November (inclusive).

PTA HALLOWEEN FUNDRAISER

The PTA will be running a 'BEST PUMPKIN' competition this year. Children (and adults if child is too young to safely do this on their own) carve a pumpkin at home, take a picture of it and send in to class along with entry fee of £2 (name, class, picture of pumpkin and money to be sent in an envelope).

Closing date: **25th October** and the winners will be announced on 26th October. There will be a prize for the Best Pumpkin Junior School (P1-4) and the Best Pumpkin Senior School (P5-7).

BOOK FAIR

We are pleased to inform you that the Book Fair is in school this week from Monday-Thursday. Children will be able to visit the Book Fair with their class in the morning and make purchases. The Book Fair will also be open in the afternoon from 1-2.45pm so parents can view and make purchases. This is always a great way to purchase some early Christmas presents whilst at the same time helping to generate more books for the school.

HEAD LICE

Please remember to check heads regularly for head lice to try to ensure that this problem does not spread around the school.

POPPIES

We will once again be selling poppies and associated merchandise to help raise funds for the Royal British Legion. Please note that the purchase of poppies is completely voluntary. Any pupil wishing to purchase a poppy, or any of the associated merchandise, can do so from the school office at break time after our Half-term holiday.

PARENTAL SURVEY 2018

The vast majority of parents who responded to our survey were very happy with the school and answered very favourably to the questions posed; however, a very small number of parents indicated some dissatisfaction to a small number of questions. We are happy to hear from parents who wish to provide any further clarification to aid us in our attempt to improve upon our provision.