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## MONTHLY NOTE OCTOBER 2017

### *School Holidays this Month:*

School Closed : Monday 30 October-Wednesday 1 November

School reopens : Thursday 2 November



### *Activities this Month:*

Date	Activity
Monday 2, 9, 16 October	P6 Mrs McDonald Swimming 11.10-11.50am
Monday 23 October	P6 Mr Fegan Swimming 11.10-11.50am
Monday 2, 9, 16, 23 October	P2-P3 Multi Sports 2-3pm P4-P5 Multi Sports 3-4pm
Tuesday 3, 10, 17, 24 October	P2-P3 Tennis 2-3pm P4-P7 Tennis 3-4pm
Tuesday 3, 10 October <b>Extra class 17 Oct</b>	P4 Mr McKernan Art 3-4pm <b>(3 Oct – Cancelled)</b>
Tuesday 17, 24 October	P4 Mr Byrnes Art 3-4pm
Tuesday 3, 10, 17, 24 October	P5-P7 Traditional Music 3-4pm
Tuesday 3, 10, 17, 24 October	P7 Girls Netball 3-4pm
Wednesday 4, 11, 18, 25 October	P6 & P7 Gaelic in Abbey GS 3.00-4.15pm <b>Children MUST be picked up from the Abbey GS carpark (beside Sports Hall) at 4.15pm</b>
Thursday 5, 12, 19, 26 October	P2-P3 Evo Soccer 2-3pm P4-P7 Evo Soccer 3-4pm
Thursday 5, 12, 19, 26 October	P5 Icode Club 3-4pm
Thursday 5, 12, 19, 26 October	P6 Ms McDonald Baking 3.00-4.15pm
Friday 6, 13, 20, 27 October	P2-P3 Hip Hop 2-3pm P4-P7 Hip Hop 3-4pm

### *News & Events this Month:*

#### **Weather!**

Please remember to send your child to school with a coat especially if it is raining/cold weather.

#### **Parking**

Our school is now nearly 25 years old and unfortunately was not designed to accommodate the traffic of 2017. I therefore ask parents to be patient and understanding, and to be courteous and refrain from using inappropriate language. We have discussed this issue with our managing authority CCMS.

**Please do not park in the bus bay of Sacred Heart Grammar School.** Parking here causes traffic congestion down the Avenue and at the Sacred Heart Grammar School, whom we have received complaints from in the past.

#### **Circuit Training**

Circuit training for adults organised by the Parents Association continues on **Wednesdays from 7-8pm** in the Assembly Hall at a cost of £3 per night. Please support our Parents Association.

#### **Library Visits**

Visits to Newry Library will take place for the following classes :

P4 Mr McKernan : **Monday 2, 9, 16 October**

P4 Mr Byrne : **Tuesday 3, 10, 17 October**

P6 Ms McDonald : **Monday 23 October**

P6 Mr Fegan : **Tuesday 24 October**

#### **Armagh Planetarium**

The P6 classes visited the Planetarium as part of the SunSpaceArt programme on **Tuesday 3 October**.

### Parents' Association AGM

The Parents' Association AGM will take place on **Wednesday 4 October at 7pm**. All welcome!

### Do this in Memory Programme

P4 parent please see the letter going home this week re the above programme.

### Panto

The whole school will attend the Panto in Newry Town Hall on **Thursday 18 January**. The show is Beauty and the Beast. Further information will follow.

### Summer uniform

Summer uniform has now ceased as from Friday 29 September. Children can wear the summer uniform again from the start of May 2018.

### PSNI

Michaela Wilson from the PSNI will speak to the whole school on **Monday 23 October** about Firework Safety and P3/P4 classes on **Thursday 26 October** about the role of the Police.

### Class Books

As a means of keeping you informed of your child's progress their class books will go home in the week beginning **Monday 23 October**. Please take time to look over them with your child, and date the last piece of work in each book and ensure they are returned to their class teacher on **the following day**.

### P4 Sacramental meeting

There is a P4 Parish Sacramental meeting in the Assembly Hall on **Wednesday 25 October at 7pm** for ALL P4 parents. Please attend.

### P5 Apple Outreach Programme

On **Thursday 26 October**, staff from the Navan Centre in Armagh are visiting the Primary 5 children as part of an Apple Project. They will be carrying out a range of fun and informative activities.

### Halloween Disco

The Parents' Association will be hosting their annual Disco for P4-7 children on **Thursday 26 October** in the School from **6.30pm to 8.00pm**. The cost is **£3.50 at the door** and a free raffle and refreshments will be provided. **Can I ask you to be prompt picking your child up at 8pm from outside the Assembly Hall doors.**

### Halloween Dress Up

There will be a whole school Halloween Dress Up Day and Fashion Show on **Friday 27 October**. Children should come to school dressed in Halloween costumes and there will be prizes for the best homemade costumes. There will also be a Special Halloween Lunch and raffle.

### Breakfast Club

Every child attending Breakfast Club in October will be entered into a Halloween Raffle. Our Breakfast club operates everyday from 8.10-8.50am at a cost of £1 per child.

### School Budget

You will be aware of the severe financial pressure facing schools highlighted in the media. Cuts to school budgets this year was £56 per pupil – in the region of £22k for our school. I wish to thank you for your continuing financial support at this time.

One way that the school budgets can be increased is that schools receive an **additional £600 per pupil** if entitled to Free School Meals. Your child may not take dinner but may still be entitled to free school meals and a uniform grant. If you meet any of the criteria below:

- on income support; on Income based Jobseekers allowance;
- on Income Related Employment Support Allowance;
- Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit;
- Working/Child Tax Credit with an annual taxable income of £16,190 or less;
- classified as an Asylum Seeker and supported by the Home Office Asylum Support Assessment Team.
- Universal Credit and have net household earnings not exceeding £14,000 per year

Please apply for this as it does positively impact on school budget.

### Sickness

As we enter the winter period colds and flu become more prevalent. If your child is sick and vomiting please keep them at home for at least 24hrs after the vomiting stops. This helps to stop the spread of infection.