

# UPDATES/REMINDERS FOR NOVEMBER

## United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child

**Article 19:** *Governments must do all they can to ensure that children are protected from all forms of violence, abuse, neglect & mistreatment.....*

- We would like to extend a huge thank you to P1 parent, Mr Ian Alexander, who recently sacrificed one of his weekends to come in and sort out our shrub beds along the front of the school building. We're sure you'll all agree he did a magnificent job and, along with our refurbished Pirate Ship Soft Play Area, the school grounds are now looking really tidy.
- A huge congratulations to P5 pupil Madison Weir who has a number of recent achievements to highlight — Madison raised £164 by selling her own 'Make-A-Wish' cards and she used this money to buy a Buddy Bear Bench for school. She donated the remainder to us and we in turn purchased a sign for this bench which now sits in the playground. Madison also is a finalist in Supervalu Superstar and we wish her all the best at the final in Titanic Hotel, Belfast on 22 November.
- Thank you to all those who celebrated Harvest with us on Friday 26 October in Aughnacloy Presbyterian Church. We are delighted to inform you our collection for Abaana raised £360.
- We send Mrs Porter best wishes as she commences her maternity leave and we are delighted to welcome Mr Adam Clarke in to her class to cover her leave.
- The Poppy Appeal box will be in school this week.
- Next week will be Anti-Bullying Week and we shall be holding special assemblies & class activities on the issue of RESPECT.
- \* Our P1 have all settled in well to school's daily routine so we would ask that all children be dropped off at the gate in the mornings. We encourage independence so allow your child to come in on their own to hang up their coat and get sorted for the busy day ahead. Parents are to vacate the school premises by 8.40am in order for teaching to commence on time. This should also help alleviate car-park congestion.
- \* Please also note that, due to Health & Safety reasons, no children are to be on the school premises before 8.30am unless they are on the early bus or attending Breakfast Club. This supervised Club can be accessed at a daily cost of 50p.
- \* A reminder that photos for Christmas Card orders are being taken in school this Thursday, 8th. Please also ensure all outstanding order instructions are sent in to the Class Teacher before Thurs, even if you do not wish to place an order this year. A4 pages for personal artwork will be sent home in due course.
- \* We send best wishes to all those P7 pupils sitting their first AQE this Saturday, 10th.
- \* As you are already aware, our Parents Numeracy Night is Thurs 15 Nov and we would ask you to please complete and return the attached Reply Slip by Fri 09, in order for us to gauge attendance for this night.
- \* Our Children In Need fundraising day is Fri 16 and Pudsey wristbands will be available that day at £1.
- \* Our November Non-Uniform Day is Fri 30 and the theme is 'Wear Green, Be Green'. More details will follow.
- \* Can we please reiterate that our annual Christmas Concert is on **Tuesday** 18 December.
- \* We appeal for new members for our School PTA to help existing members with our upcoming Christmas Concert. We intend to hold a PTA meeting within the next few weeks so all new and existing members please complete and return the attached Reply Slip if you can commit a few hours of your time over the next month.
- \* We would also like to appeal for any small mesh bags (similar to the ones that come with washing powder) that anyone might have. Our P1 children use these each year to keep some of their literacy resources in.

**PARENTS NUMERACY NIGHT**  
**THURSDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2018**  
*(Please note this is a Parents Only evening)*

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of adults attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHOOL PTA**  
**EXISTING & NEW MEMBERS**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in joining/continuing to assist the School PTA and can volunteer time to help with upcoming events.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_