

9<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

### **Child Independence**

At Lislagan Primary School we like to encourage child independence, thanks to all those parents who are dropping their child at the door and encouraging this independence. I would like to ask that any parents who feel their child/ren haven't reached this independence yet, try to talk to their child about this and reduce the distance you walk with them down the corridor each day to encourage them to come in on their own.

### **Christmas is fast approaching! Just over 6 weeks and counting.**

#### **Ballymoney Light Switch On Day!**

I am delighted to tell you that we have managed to secure a slot to sing next Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November in the town. This is the evening the Christmas lights are going on, so there will be plenty of buzz around the town. The children will sing at Castlecroft at approximately 2pm. They will sing 3 or 4 Christmas songs that they have been rehearsing in school. A letter will come home tomorrow for you to indicate whether you intend your child to meet us there to sing.

#### **The Community Fridge**

We received a huge thanks for the food that was sent from our Harvest Assembly. Zara the lady who has been delivering our hedgehog talks to each class is very involved with The Community Fridge and they have asked if we would like to bring the children down to sing in December. So on 1<sup>st</sup> December it is hoped that P5, P6 & P7 will travel to St. Patrick's Church Hall to sing to them and then on 15<sup>th</sup> December that P3 & P4 would travel there to sing to them. More details of this will follow closer to the time when we have transport sorted.

#### **Ballymoney Family Practice Social Worker**

I have been approached by Sara-Jane O'Donnell one of the social workers from Ballymoney Family Practise to ask if we would be interested in singing to a group of elderly people in the community that she works with. It is great to be involved in intergenerational work. The children who signed up for Music Club will hopefully prepare some pieces for this event and again further details will follow later.

#### **Causeway Coast and Glens**

The council are trying to make Ballymoney more festive in the month of December so we have secured a slot on Saturday 16<sup>h</sup> December at 2pm to sing beside Ground. We will sing there for approximately half an hour.

#### **Football Team**

Well done to the team who played in the tournament this week. All the children played really well and it was a very successful afternoon. Thanks to Miss Kane also.

## **W.E.B, S.A.L.T & P.E.P.P.ER**

Remember all bookings for the 3 clubs should have been in by today, if you have forgotten please send your form and money in tomorrow. If you don't have a form, let us know what days and clubs and we can fill the form in.

## **School Trip to The Waterfront**

Please remember if you haven't sent the slip and money in to send this tomorrow as The Waterfront phoned today for final confirmation of numbers. I have to have these by Monday to pay for final tickets.

## **Remembrance Day 2023**

On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November myself and 3 P7s will represent the school at The War Memorial in Ballymoney to lay a wreath. Thanks to the 3 children who have offered to come and to their parents for arranging to bring them. I have found out this evening the time I was given is wrong. The service starts at 10.15am so if the 3 children could meet me in The British Legion Hall at 10am please.

Poppies will be on sale tomorrow in school still. So, if your child hasn't bought one yet and wishes to buy a poppy they can bring 50p to school and purchase it when the P7s bring them round the classes.

## **Our New School Website.**

This is almost ready to launch, we do intend to have an official launch day where you will be invited into school for some nibbles as we officially launch it.

## **School Prospectus**

Again this is in the final stages and it is looking so well, we can't wait to get the official copies.

## **School Facebook**

This has now been passed by The Board of Governors and we hope to get it started soon.

## **P6 and P7 Residential trip – option for P5s to come**

Unfortunately the other Primary school didn't have enough children interested and I approached another school and they didn't either so Lislagan will be travelling to Glasgow on their own. Due to the delay the Park Hotel in Falkirk didn't hold the rooms as we only had 28 children travelling and whilst we were waiting to hear from the other school, they had to release the rooms. Travel Solutions have found us another lovely hotel – Premier Inn in Livingston and I have told them to confirm the rooms now for just us – we have 30 children confirmed. However, if any P5 children wanted to come we could offer places to them to fill the bus more. There won't be enough spaces for all P5s but a letter will go home to P5 tomorrow and will be first come first serve.

## **PTA Movie Night**

Thanks to the PTA who came to school to supervise this event and who had put in lots of work behind the scenes to organise. This raised £263.60.

## **Council Fun Day**

Thanks for all the support for this too. The amount of money raised with costs taken out was close to £150.

### **PTA Tea with Santa**

Remember this is on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December 12 – 3pm in school. More details will follow soon with time slots and how to purchase tickets. But if anyone is clearing out any old decorations when they are brought down out of roof spaces, we would love them as we could make great use of them for decorating the school for this event. Feel free to leave them in the office.

### **Anti-Bullying Week**

We will be doing some things in class next week about Anti-Bullying. The theme is 'Make a Noise About Bullying'

At Lislagan We will kick off the week by joining in with Odd Socks Day and wearing odd socks to school. We want to celebrate what makes us all unique and spread kindness! Odd Socks Day 2023 will take place on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November. It is supported by cBeebies presenter & ABA patron Andy Day and his band 'Andy and the Odd Socks'.

The week will end with Children in Need on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November – in school for dress down Friday if you have anything spotty or of Pudsey feel free to wear this on the day. It would be great if each child could bring £1 for this event and we could send the money to Children in Need.

### **Miss Kane and P7 Book Buddies**

I have made contact with some of our local Nursery schools and the week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> November Miss Kane and the P7 Book Buddies are going to visit the nurseries to read a story and hand out invitations o our Open Night. These pupils will get a permission slip to complete when dates and times are confirmed.

### **Open Night**

Posters will be going up around the town and being shared on Facebook, don't forget if you know any prospective parents to invite them along – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 6 – 7.30pm. Some of our pupils may be asked to participate in this closer to the time.

### **Christmas Festivities**

This year after discussion with the Governors and taking into account the health and safety in the Church with numbers, we have decided that P1/2 will do a Nativity Play in school instead of taking part in the Carol Service. We hope to have an afternoon showing and an evening showing. The Carol Service will still go ahead on 14<sup>th</sup> December as planned with rehearsals as planned for P3-P7. More details about these events will follow closer to the time.

Kind regards,

**Mrs L Creelman**  
**Principal**