

## The Friday Note

10 November 2017



### AQE Tests

Our Primary 7 children will sit the first of the AQE tests tomorrow morning. They have been working exceptionally hard and we wish them well.

### School Photographs

School photographs have been sent home during this week. Payment for photographs *or unwanted photographs* should be sent to your child's class teacher on or before **Wednesday 22 November** please.

### Christmas Productions/Carol Services

The children will this week have received a note regarding their Christmas Productions, giving arrangements for purchasing tickets (if required). Please return ticket requests for P1 - P4 productions and also for the P6/P7 Carol Service before **Thursday of next week**, 16 November.

### Adverse Weather Conditions

As winter approaches I detail below our arrangements for advising parents of school closures:-

- If it is known early in the morning that school will be closed, the website will be updated if at all possible by 8.00 am and a text message will be sent as early as possible to the Primary Contact Mobile Numbers.
- If you have not been notified as detailed above please assume that school will be open. In extreme weather conditions when school remains open we may have to operate using the main entrance only.

### Children in Need

In order to raise funds for Children in Need, Primary Six and Primary Seven pupils will be setting up stalls in the Assembly Hall on **Friday 17 November** to sell buns and tray bakes which they have made, and will be running competitions such as Guess the Name of the Teddy, and Penalty Kicks.

### Christmas Cards

Children will by today have taken home their Christmas card designs. If you wish to purchase cards, gift tags, or wrapping paper, please return the card (with details on the reverse completed), to your child's class teacher together with payment on or before **Wednesday 15 November**. Printing can take several weeks and therefore orders need to be sent off promptly.

### Primary One Intake

I would like to remind anyone who has not yet completed a pre-application form for a child hoping to commence Primary One in September 2018 that they should do so now. These forms may be collected from the school office.

Our Open Evening will be held on **Tuesday 12 December from 5.30 pm until 7.00 pm**.

### **Friends of the Cancer Centre**

We would like to give parents the opportunity, as in previous years, to make a small donation to our Christmas Charity rather than buying gifts for staff in school.

Our chosen charity will be 'Friends of the Cancer Centre'. There will be a post box available in our school foyer throughout December into which the children may, if they wish, post a donation.

### **Charity**

#### ➤ **Harvest Collection**

I would like to thank everyone for their generous support for the Lisburn Food Bank. The children enjoyed an informative Harvest Service regarding the work of the Food Bank, how we can help share what we have and how we can support others. Primary 1 – Primary 4 pupils contributed food for families in crisis in our local community and the sum of £226.56 was also collected by Primary 5 – Primary 7 pupils.

### **Pond Park Educational Trust**

Thank you to all those who have already contributed to Pond Park Educational Trust for 2017/18. These funds are invaluable in helping us provide additional items which will enhance the resources of our school and we would encourage those who have not yet contributed to do so as soon as possible please.

### **PTA News:**

#### ➤ **PTA Meeting**

PTA members should note that the next meeting will be held on **Monday 13 November at 7.30 pm** in the ICT Suite.

#### ➤ **Craft Fair**

The PTA Committee would like to remind you of the Craft Fair which will take place on **Thursday 16 November** from **6.30 pm until 9.00 pm**. This is a great event for all the family and we would encourage you to come along.

#### ➤ **Disco**

The disco, organised recently by our PTA, was once again an outstanding success and the children enjoyed a great evening of music and fun. I would like to thank our PTA Committee for organising this event to raise much appreciated funds for school. The total raised on the evening was £1,777.76.