



## OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

1st October 2024

Dear Parents,

### 1. **School Closures**

School will be closed for half-term on Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November, opening again on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

### 2. Money for October is as follows:

Dinner	£49.40 (19 days @ £2.60)
Milk	£3.80 (19 days @ 20p)
Sponsorship	25p a week (if you wish)

As recommended by EA, we remind you that all milk payments should be paid at the start of each month and **NOT** on a weekly basis. Dinner money **should be paid each Monday and on a weekly basis**. Thank you for your co-operation.

### 3. **Board of Governor Parent Representative Election 2024-2028**

Anyone who is interested in standing for election on to the new Board of Governors as a parent representative for 2024-2028 should complete appendices A1, B and B1 (which can be found on our website, under the school information tab, information for parents and Parents representative BOG) and return to me by email [cgoan738@c2kni.net](mailto:cgoan738@c2kni.net) or leave in the school office in an envelope marked for my attention by Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024 by 3.30pm. Please note if the number of candidates is equal to, or fewer than, the number of parent governor places to be filled, all candidates will be deemed to have been elected without the need for a vote. If an election needs to take place, this will be carried out at our AGM on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2024.

4. We are appealing for any parents out there who would be willing to join our PTA group for the 24/25 school year. Your support is invaluable to us in our fundraising efforts. A lot of organising can be carried out through a group chat, which reduces face to face meetings as these are difficult for parents who are working to attend. It is a rewarding experience and we promise not to take up too much of your time. It would be fantastic if we could have some volunteers before our AGM. We had our full PTA before the AGM last year and this was much appreciated. If anyone is available for PTA please let your child's teacher know and we will be in touch. We

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plan to have our AGM on Tuesday 22nd October 2024. Pupils will sing a song to open the meeting. The AGM will begin at 7.30pm. We encourage you to attend. The Annual Report will be uploaded to the website prior to the meeting. You will be informed when it is available to view.

5. As part of our PTA fundraising we are going to hold a 'Fun Bun Friday' every month. This will be held on the last Friday of each month. Each class will take turns to supply buns for the sale. If it is your child's class, we ask you to send in 6-8 buns/tray bakes to sell to the rest of the school for 50p per bun. Our first Fun Bun Friday will therefore be on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024 and Mrs Goan's class will be in charge of providing the buns. We would like to thank you for your continued support.
6. Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October will be a non-uniform day. Children can come dressed in costume for Halloween if they wish or wear their own clothes. The cost is £1 per child which will go to our PTA fund.
7. Relax kids will continue to work with children in Y1 to Y4 throughout October.
8. On the 4<sup>th</sup> October, Yvonne Lecky is carrying out a whole school assembly about the brown bin recycling service which will be coming to the area soon. Y5, Y6 and Y7 pupils will also have a Democracy and Citizenship workshop on this day.
9. David Doonan from the Ulster Scots Agency will continue with Ulster Scots music workshops throughout the month of October for children with Mrs Palmer, Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Goan.
10. Proposed date for the Cross Country event in Castleberg High School is Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. We will send out additional details in due course to the children that are involved.
11. Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October we are having an assembly on Jews across the world delivered by Ronnie McCracken, Pastor Harvey Shaw and Martin Thompson.
12. Good News Club will commence on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October from 3pm to 4.15pm. This is for all year groups. Pupils that go home at 2pm may return to school for 3pm to attend.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Goan

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**After school gymnastics**

Mr Sproule is holding after school gymnastics starting Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October for 6 weeks from 3pm to 4pm. This is available for Year 5, 6 and 7 pupils. The cost is £5 per pupil for the 6 weeks.

If your child/ren are interested, please complete the permission slip below and return to school with the correct money.

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I gave permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the after school gymnastics and I have enclosed the correct money.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian

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