

# Halloween Special

ST. BRIGID'S

## Spooky October News!



### SPOOKTACULAR

This year's Spooktacular Day will take place on Thursday 25th October. We would appreciate it if your child/children could come to school dressed up for a day of fun activities. There will be spot prizes for the best dressed but please don't feel obliged to buy a costume- we've found

that sometimes the best costumes are "the home made" ones!

This year we are also running a **Pumpkin Competition**. Children and their families can design and carve out pumpkins and the best ones will win prizes.

Entries can be brought into school the week starting 22nd October and the winners will be announced on our Spooktacular Day. **Please note all Pumpkins must be brought home by Friday 25th October.**



### Halloween Holidays

Halloween Holidays will run from Mon 29th to Fri 2nd, with children and staff returning to school on Monday 5th November. Enjoy the break and remember to be careful near bonfires and fireworks.

#### October 2018

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### Parent Teacher Meetings

These will be held in school on Friday 26th of October 2018. A timetable will follow shortly with times for meeting your child's class teacher. **The 26th is a half day for children so please arrange collection for 11.00am.**

### Dates for your Diary

**18th December 2018**—Christmas Concert in Altamuskin Centre

**20th December 2018**—School Trip to Peter Pan Panto in Millennium Forum Derry. More details to follow.

**4th May 2019** — First Holy Communion

## Dinner and Milk Money

Dinner is **£2.60 per day**. Money is collected on a Monday by Julianne. This job is made much easier if the correct change is given in an envelope marked with the pupil's names and what the money is for.



## Child Protection Policy

The school's child protection policy is currently being reviewed and we are asking for input from all stakeholders, including parents. A copy will be emailed to parents this week, and I ask everyone to reply stating that they received a copy. Alternatively, it is on our website, or, if you want a paper copy please contact the school directly.

## Attendance

The School's Attendance for September was 97%. Remember that if your child is unable to attend school, you are to make contact with the school in the morning and send a note in with the child when they return.

## Uniforms

A huge thank you to all families on your continued efforts to maintain children's presentation. The standard of uniform has been exemplary to date. Please ensure that all items of clothing (uniform, PE, coats etc) are correctly labelled to ensure no items get lost.

## Football tournament

There will be a non-competitive Gaelic tournament for Primary 5-7 children on Thursday 18th of Oct in the Garvaghy centre. No scores are counted in this type of tournament. Each child will be offered the chance to try out different positions on the pitch and the emphasis will be on participation and personal improvement. Tournaments later in the school year are competitive and teams are picked based on what will make the most competitive team.

## Toys For 2 O' Clock Club

The two o'clock club are collecting toys to use during their planned activities. They are hoping for good quality, educational toys—jigsaws, Lego, construction toys, board games, art activities, books, dominos, connect 4 etc. We're hoping that after Christmas you may have some old toys that are no longer used but are in excellent condition. If so, please check all pieces are intact and send them in to 2 O' Clock club.



## School Mass

Well done to the children for their participation in our school mass on 26th September. It was great to see so many members of our school community in attendance.

## How to contact a Teacher

The partnership between you, the parents, and teachers is vital for your child's education. Please take any opportunity available to speak to the teacher about your child's progress. The best time to reach teachers and the principal is before 9.15am and after 3.15pm and we will try our utmost to accommodate your needs. Or, ring the office to make an appointment.

# Library visit



The Library van will be in school on Tuesday 2nd, and Tuesday 16th. The service is open to members of the local community so please encourage others to come along and use this vital service at the Community Centre at 11am.

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## 2 O'Clock Club

2 O'Clock Club: Primary 1 and 2 children can participate in planned activities from 2pm -3.15 with Julianne. The 2 O'Clock club costs £2 per day. Money is collected on a Monday. We ask that you commit to using this club for 5 days per week.

## Reward System

Recently the children and staff of the school were divided into 5 teams. They will work together to gain as many points as possible. Points will be awarded to children who follow our 6 Golden rules.



We work hard



We are kind and helpful



We are honest



We are gentle



We listen



We look after property



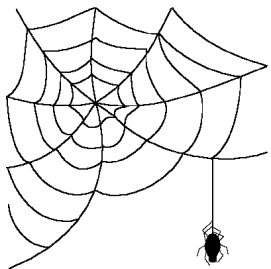
## School and Eco Council



St Brigid's Student and Eco Councils are one of many opportunities given to our students to have a voice within the school. They are also great opportunities for children to learn the skills of leadership during their time with us. Leadership skills help students to become confident and responsible learners and give students the opportunity to make a difference. Specific skills that are developed from being a member of the student councils are; working as team, resourcefulness, the ability to prioritise tasks, confidence building and communication skills. If you think you've got what it takes to be on either our Student Council or Eco Council, then get canvassing!

Nomination speeches and elections are on 19th October. Good luck!





## School Nurse

Flu vaccine forms were distributed last week. The school nurse is due in during October to administer this vaccine. More details to follow.



## Coats

Please remember to bring your coats from now on as the colder weather creeps in.



## Football Jerseys

There are a number of school football jerseys that were not returned at the end of last year. Could everyone check at home, or with cousins/neighbours and return them to school as soon as possible.

## School Phone

If you have not received any of the school Whatsapp Broadcasts please contact the school immediately. Unfortunately due to poor network coverage, any messages sent to the school mobile will not be received during school hours.

## A look back at September

