



# MACOSQUIN PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY UPDATE

7<sup>th</sup> November 2018



## BOOK FAIR

Thank you for supporting our recent Book Fair. We are delighted to have received the amount of £563.40 to spend on new books for our children. This will go towards building up our Accelerated Reader library for Key Stage 2.

## MACOSQUIN PARENTS' & FRIENDS' FUNDRAISERS

### Smartie Fundraiser & Halloween Disco

Thank you so much for your support with our fundraisers.

Our final total from both our Smartie Tubes and our School Disco comes to £1762.00 less expenses. This is a fantastic achievement from our school community and we can now purchase 6 new ipads!

### Christmas Events

On the run up to Christmas we will have the following events to look forward to...

**Christmas Rocks** - All pupils will take part in the Macosquin Rock craze, designing and painting their own rock. These will then be hidden in our school community and the children will take part in a "Rock Hunt" before the end of term. Thank you to Lewis (P5) for suggesting this event.



**Jiggle Bell Ball** - Our annual Christmas Disco will take place on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December and Santa will be visiting us on the night. Times and ticket information will follow in the next few weeks



Our next Parents' and Friends' meeting will be Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm in the school.

## Ditch the Dark Day



A special cycle, scooter and walk to school day – you are invited to wear your brightest clothes and accessories AND to brighten up your bike or scooter!

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

See attached letter for full details



## ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

This year the theme for Anti-Bullying Week 2018 is "Choose Respect" and runs from 12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> November. All pupils will be focusing on Anti-Bullying in school and we will be raising awareness through special assemblies and class activities.

## POPPY APPEAL



Poppies and other merchandise are now on sale. Proceeds are in aid of The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.



## FLU VACCINATION

The school nurses will be visiting the school on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November to administer Flu Vaccination for those children who have returned forms.



We would to wish our P7 pupils all the best with their first AQE assessment paper on Saturday.

## DATES FOR DIARY

Please visit our website for dates for the rest of this term by following this link:

<http://www.macosquins.co.uk/>

Parents can download the Macosquin Primary School App from our website and subscribe to the calendar.

## BOOK CLUB

St. Mary's Minor Hall Macosquin

Starting Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 11.00am

Bring, Buy or Swap your Books

Have a Coffee and a Chat!



Dear Parent/Carer,



As part of our involvement with *Sustrans* Active School Travel programme and Road Safety Week 2018, we are excited to be holding a special Active Travel to school day on:

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2018**  
***Ditch the Dark Day!***

The theme of the day is to 'Ditch the Dark. To raise awareness of safe travel to school during the darker days, we are encouraging children to *actively* travel (*walk, scoot or cycle*) to school wearing the brightest clothing they can!

Children are invited to get creative with their outfits to be super bright. The possibilities are endless – bright clothing, glow sticks, fluorescent orange socks, a pink tutu, a neon green wig – get bright, brighter, brightest! Check out the pictures below for some super ideas from last year!

***Walking Bus will be in operation on the day from the shop in Macosquin, leaving at 8.30am sharp as normal.*** Your child may be dropped off here from 8.20am if they wish to walk, supervised by members of school staff. However, you are more than welcome to join the fun yourself! Please feel free to ***dress to impress*** in your best neon bright clothing and travel to school *actively* with your child on the day! We understand that it might not be possible for everyone to actively travel to school the *whole* way, particularly if you live far away. In this case we'd encourage you to park up along your way and walk the final bit to school with your child. In doing so we hope we'll reduce the number of cars around school and have lots of active kids! If you allow your child to travel by bike/scooter we highly recommend the wearing of a helmet and ask that you check that clothing/decoration doesn't interfere with the mechanisms (brakes, wheels etc). We hope that you enjoy taking part and getting active on the school run! The responsibility to travelling safely to/from school remains the responsibility of the parent/carer. There is no charge for this event.

We will be receiving our ***Bronze Sustrans School Mark Award*** from Johnny McCrystal on the day and would love to see as many children (and adults) dressed up and travelling actively in celebration of all of our work with Sustrans!

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