



# MACOSQUIN PRIMARY SCHOOL

October 2019 Monthly News

## HARVEST CELEBRATION IN ST MARY'S!



The children in P4-P7 have been kindly asked to take part in a Harvest Service in St Mary's Church, Macosquin on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October. As the theme is 'Caring & Sharing', the children and staff have been donating non-perishable foods to go towards Coleraine Foodbank for the Harvest Season. If you wish to donate food, please send into school with your child this week. Thank you to everybody who has shown support so far!

We are looking forward to celebrating Harvest together with the local community!



## SCHOOL FUNDS

DONATION

All school budgets have been reduced dramatically and as a result we are asking for your support. We would appreciate a small contribution of £10 per child / £20 per family which will help us purchase much needed resources. Payment can be made through Sims Agora. Thank you in advance.

## MPS FRIENDS' ASSOCIATION 2018 - 2019



## MACOSQUIN P.S FRIENDS' ASSOCIATION

There will be a meeting of the Macosquin Friends' Association on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October in the school at 6pm. New members are always welcome!

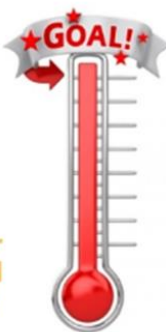
## MPS Friends' Association 2019-2020

# WE NEED YOUR HELP

For New School Resources!

### Our Target:

Our aim is to raise £8000 for Shared Reading Resources and Outdoor Play equipment!



Your support will be appreciated throughout the fun events planned this school year!



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Sponsorship forms will be given out Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October and should be returned by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you for your support.

#### GARDENING WEEK & ECO NEWS

Our first 'Gardening Week' of the year was a great success! Every child in school enjoyed getting involved in preparing our school grounds for winter...from tidying to planting to weeding and harvesting, everyone played an important role. Special thanks to our parent volunteer Mrs Emma Nevin who helped P1 with their gardening.



In other news, the new Eco Committee has been established and they have already had two busy meetings! The committee is made up of representatives from each class (P4-7) who will feed back to the junior school to ensure they are kept up to date with 'eco business'. The Eco Committee will be introducing themselves on the next monthly update and will be sharing our Eco Schools focus for this year...watch this space!

Still appealing for a parent rep to join the Eco Committee who would meet with us once a month. Contact your child's teacher if you can help.





## SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT / SHARED READING

This year in Literacy, we will be focusing on the development of Shared Reading time in each class. This will enable pupils to develop a range of reading strategies which will help them to become more independent readers. As well as being able to decode unfamiliar words, pupils also need to develop many other skills in order to give them a better understanding of more difficult texts during their learning journey at primary school. We will also be building on Guided Reading resources, Bug Club and accelerated reading.



## FLU VACCINATION PROGRAMME

HSC Trust Flu Vaccination Programme commences on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October for children who have returned completed documentation.



## PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

These will take place from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October from 2pm. School will finish at 2pm on these days for all classes. Please return your interview slip so that we can issue you a time for your interview with your child's teacher.



Parents should keep children with vomiting and diarrhoea off school for 48 hours to protect our school community's health.

## CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX APPEAL



This year, we are supporting the Samaritan's Purse - Operation Christmas Child shoebox appeal. This is a very worthwhile cause, providing presents to thousands of children around the world who will otherwise not receive a Christmas present this year.

What you need to do to support the appeal:

\*Find a shoebox and wrap the box and lid separately in colourful wrapping paper.

\*Fill your box with gifts:

**Toys** e.g. dolls, stuffed toys, toy trucks, harmonica, skipping rope, ball, small puzzles, yo-yo etc.

**School Supplies** e.g. pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons or felt pens, stamp & ink pad sets, writing pads or notebooks and paper, solar calculators, colouring and picture books etc.

**Hygiene Items** e.g. toothbrush, bars of wrapped soap, comb or hairbrush, flannel etc.

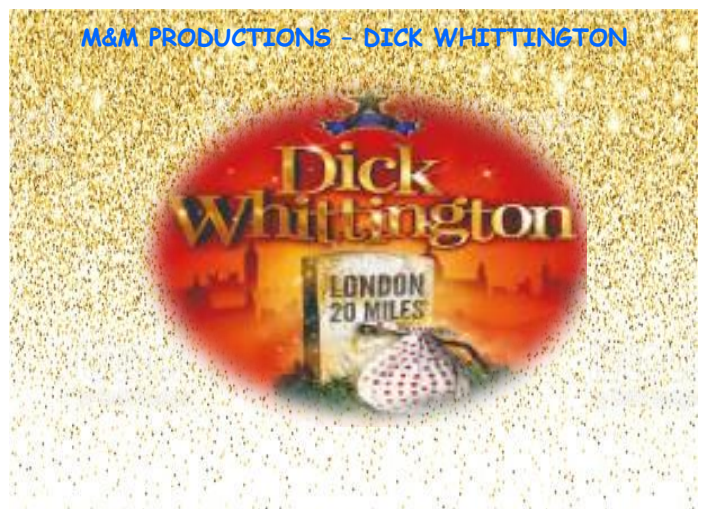
**Other items** e.g. hat, cap, gloves or scarf, sunglasses, hair accessories, jewellery set, wind up torch, slinky spring, matchbox cars etc.

Due to more stringent import regulations, **toothpaste and sweets can no longer** be included in shoeboxes.

Thank you for your support for this worthwhile cause.

**Shoeboxes should be sent to school by Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November.**

## M&M PRODUCTIONS - DICK WHITTINGTON



M&M Productions will be entertaining our pupils with a performance of Dick Whittington on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October. We would appreciate a small contribution of £2.50 per child towards the cost of bringing this production to the school. This can be paid via Sims Agora by Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October. Thanking you in advance.

## HALLOWEEN THEME DAY MENU

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Bonfire Rockets (Fish Fingers)

or

Halloween Bangers (Sausages)

with

Witches Fingers & Toes (Baked Beans & Sweetcorn)

Spooky Mash (Mashed Potato)

Devils Delight (Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Sauce)

Dracula's Milkshake



Dinners cost £2.60 and can be purchased via Sims Agora (Online Shop)



### PATHS - PUPIL OF THE DAY



As part of our PATHS programme, each class chooses a 'Pupil of the Day'. Pupils are taught about the different ways to compliment each other and to recognise the positives in themselves. This activity not only increases self-esteem, but also helps pupils to value the importance of kind and helpful words when building friendships and relationships with each other.

*Mirror, mirror on the wall,  
Give a compliment and that's not all,  
Make it nice, make it kind,  
A deserving person is easy to find!*

Remember that there are many kinds of compliments. Compliments can be about how a person looks, the things they have, the things they do, and the way a person is. Challenge yourself to give at least one of each of these compliments today.

## SHARED EDUCATION NEWS

P4 have visited both Damhead and St.Eoghan's. They have been involved in 'ice-breaker' and 'getting to know you' activities. They have also coded with Spheros and completed a STEM tower building activity. Great fun was had by all!



P5 thoroughly enjoyed their experience at St Eoghans and Macosquin. The children took their learning outdoors and experienced team building activities to help get to know the other children. They also took part in a scavenger hunt to find out information about their new friends.



P6 have been getting excited about the Rugby World Cup! (Mr Grant is involved!) Each group has had an opportunity to play some tag rugby and learn the rules of Rugby as well as learning about the host nation, Japan. The main Rugby World Cup logo is themed on 'Unity' which ties nicely to our Shared Education goals. Each group planned and budgeted an imaginary trip to Japan. They had to use their researching skills to make sure they didn't go over budget!

