

# Hazelbank Primary School Newsletter



Term 1a  
October

## Foodbank

Sincere thanks for all the food items sent into school for our Ballymena Foodbank collection. We are arranging for some of the volunteers to visit us.

Check out the photographs on our school website or our new Facebook page. Thanks again!

## Extra-Curricular Clubs

Our extra-curricular clubs are off to a great start and the children are enjoying the opportunity to have fun with friends.

**With school finishing earlier each day next week, clubs will not run. Instead, we will let these run for an additional week at the end, finishing on the 28<sup>th</sup> November instead of the 21<sup>st</sup>.**

## Staff news

We would like to offer a big congratulations to Mrs Brown on the safe arrival of baby Leah.

We would also like to wish Mrs Fraser's daughter and new son-in-law our best for their special wedding day, coming up soon.

We will be very sorry to say 'good-bye' to Mrs Moore our classroom assistant who will be leaving us shortly to take up a new venture. Whilst she will be missed, we wish her the very best for starting her new career.

We continue to keep Mrs Scott in our prayers and are so pleased that she is keeping well.

## Phonics Parent Workshop

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2:10pm**

We would like to invite parents of our Foundation Stage (P1&P2) pupils to attend an information session where our staff will provide some introductory information about how Jolly Phonics is taught in school and suggest some ideas for revising sounds at home.

## Parent Interview Week

Parent Interview week – just a reminder that parent interviews (P1-P6) are next week. School will finish at earlier times and we will run a staggered home time to help ease traffic congestion.

**P1 and P2 – 1:05pm**

**P3 and P4 – 1:10pm**

**P5, P6 and P7 – 1:15pm**

Older siblings will be sent to younger sibling classes and will leave school with them to help make collection easier for parents/carers.

Bus collection will start at 1:00pm.

## Harvest Hooley Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October

We are really excited about our Harvest Hooley next week. Pupils are encouraged to dress up in their jeans, plaid shirt and cowboy hats for some dancing, games and harvest treats.

Snacks will be provided. We are planning a donut and milkshake stall but for those who cannot have these options, juice and a bag of crisps alternative will be available.

£3 tickets can be paid to Mrs Currie on entry.

P1-P4: 5:45 -7:00pm

P5-P7: 7:15 – 8:30pm

## Harvest Assembly Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October

Primary 4 to Primary 7 parents and carers are invited to our very special Harvest Assembly next Friday.

Classes have been working hard preparing some Harvest Theme spectacles for you to enjoy. We are also looking forward to having Rev. Kennedy along too.

Many thanks to all the staff for their hard work in preparing the children. The children are in good voice as usual.

Parents/carers are welcome to take children after the assembly if they are able and wishing to do so, but we ask you to send a quick SeeSaw message to class teachers to let us know.

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## Winter illnesses

It's that time of year and coughs and colds are creeping in.

Thank you to all parents/carers who are keeping us informed of any illness in their household.

Please note that all sickness travels in our school at a fast rate. If your child is off school for a vomiting or toileting reason – do not return them to us until they are free from sickness for 48 hours. Thank you.

There has been increased cases of Chicken Pox and Hand, Foot and Mouth within primary school communities across the province. Should this arise within our own school, please follow the PHA guidelines.

Chicken Pox – remain at home until all vesicles have crusted over and child is feeling fit and able.

Hand, Foot and Mouth – currently there is no isolation period required and the PHA recommends no set period of absence from school. Due to the contagious nature of the virus, we would encourage parents to keep children at home until they are fit and able to return. (free from temperatures and able to eat and drink normally)

## Poppy Appeal

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> to Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November**

During the week we will have lots of Poppy Appeal items for purchase. P7 buddies will visit classrooms during break and lunch for the pupils to make their purchases.

From stationery, wristbands and zippers to the classic paper poppies and window stickers, there is lots of options. Items range from 50p to £2 and all proceeds go to the Royal British Legion. We would appreciate correct money being sent as we have limited change in school.

Thank you for supporting this very important cause.

## A Note From Mr Heyburn

It has been a busy half-term in Hazelbank Primary and time has flown in. It is great to reach a time of holiday and I know that pupils and staff are ready to recharge for what will be an even busier winter term.

Thank you parents, for your continued support for school and for your encouragement to the staff, who work hard. Things go well when we work together!

Wishing you a nice Harvest time and enjoyable break with your children.

## Tropic Dessert Party Fundraiser

We really hope to have a good turn out at our first fundraising event. We are hosting a dessert party and Tropic skincare demonstration on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**. We would be delighted if you could gather together a group of friends and plan to attend. All ticket money along with commission on orders/sales will add to school funds.

## ASDA Cash Pot and Easy Fundraising

### Current totals:

ASDA Cash Pot: £92.94

easyfundraising: £35.41

It is great to see funds being raised using these apps. All donations are adding up and will be so useful. Thanks for supporting us, keep shopping!

## Open Morning

Do you have a little one who is ready to start Primary 1 in September 2025? If so, we would love to welcome them to our Open Morning event on the 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024. (Flyer to follow.)

We would be grateful if you could spread the news amongst family and friends, as well.

## Donations Wanted

We would be grateful for any LEGO, board games or jigsaws that you may have finished with and need to rehome.

We would like to make more use of these types of activities during wet lunch and wet break times during the autumn and winter months.

## Dates for your diary ...

**Half-term** : 28<sup>th</sup> Oct to 1<sup>st</sup> November, school starts back on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

**Poppy Appeal Week** : w/c 4<sup>th</sup> November

**FS Phonics Workshop** : 6<sup>th</sup> November @ 2:10pm

**Remembrance Assembly** : Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November

**Flu Vaccines** : Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November

**World Diabetes Day** : Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November

**SEAG** : Sat 16<sup>th</sup> and Sat 23<sup>rd</sup>

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