



D.P.S. OCTOBER NEWS

Harvest Service

Our Harvest service will take place on Thursday 24th October at 9:30am in the School Assembly Hall. Family and friends are invited. Within our town more and more people rely on food bank centres due to financial pressures within the home. During this Harvest time we want to support the work of organisations such as 'Lite Bite'. If you would like to donate foods such as boxes of cereal, tinned food, eg vegetables, soups, pasta or fresh fruit please bring into school on Tuesday 22nd October.

School Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Company will be visiting our school from -

Friday 11th October to Wednesday 16th
October

and will be open to parents at the following times each day -

8.15 am – 8.45 am and 2.00 pm – 3.30 pm

During the course of each day pupils will also have the opportunity to visit the Book Fair with their class.

The Scholastic Book Company provides a wonderful opportunity by encouraging pupils to read and benefits our school by way of providing books in commission for our school library.

There will be books available for children of all ages and abilities. The Company's leaflet, which gives details of some of the titles available, will be sent home with your child.

Please try to visit this Book Fair event with your child. **However, if you are sending money into school please put it into an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and the amount of money he/she is allowed to spend at the Book Fair. Cheques should be made payable to "Dungannon Primary School".**

Eco-Schools Green Flag Award

Congratulations to the Eco-School committee and their leader, Mrs Atkins, for all their hard work regaining our Green Flag status. Every two years the school is reassessed to check whether we have continued to invest in environmental education. This is our second Green Flag Award.

We are pleased to announce that the external assessors recognised the commitment of the children and the staff of Dungannon Primary School. "The work that the Eco-Committee and the school have done is outstanding, it is clearly evident that a lot of time and effort has been taken in order to get the school to the eco standard that it is. Everyone at Dungannon Primary should be proud of themselves for the work they have done and I hope they

continue the good work with the future Eco-Committees.”

Car Park Arrangements

Car parking remains an on-going issue for staff and parents of the school. We have received funding to upgrade our parking facilities, however, this work will not commence until the middle of next year. Please remember, The car park at the front of the school is to be used by staff only. An increasing number of parents are parking in this area at the beginning of the school day. This leads to major congestion and is unnecessary. If you are entering school via the front gate, please turn right and drop your child off at the zebra crossing.

Parent, Teacher & friends Association

Our next PTFA meeting will take place on Tuesday 15th October at 7:15pm. This is a very important association and a number of fund-raising events are organised throughout the year to ensure school resources are up to date thus providing your child with the best possible learning experiences. We are always looking for more volunteers to support our very dedicated committee members. If you are free please come along to this meeting – we promise that you will not get a ‘job’ if you don’t want one!! Thank you to our PTFA for all their fund-raising events and to you the parents for your generous support. If you wish your family to sign up please speak to Mr Thompson for further details – we look forward to meeting you on Thursday.

**Dates for the Diary – A full list of events can be found on our school website.
www.dungannonps.co.uk**

Friday 11th October
Monday 14th October

Book Fair begins today.
School photos – please ensure your child is wearing the correct school uniform. Failure to do so will result in your child not having their photograph taken.

INTERVIEW WEEK – ALL PUPILS HOME AT 2:00pm.

N.B. Day Care provision as normal

Friday 18th October

Ditch the Dark Day – further details to follow.

P4 visit to Ranfurly House.

Tuesday 22nd October

P4 visit to Carrickfergus Castle.

Thursday 24th October

Harvest Service @ 9:30am

Monday 28th October

Exceptional Closure – School Closed to pupils

Tuesday 29th October -

HALF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED

Friday 1st November

Monday 4th November

Autumn Term recommences @ 8:45am

Monday 11th November

SEN Transfer Reviews – letters will be issued shortly.

Thursday 14th November

Flu Vaccinations – all pupils