



7th October 2024

Dinner Menu Week 1

of new menu!

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PARENT AREA

For new menu

(also included at the end of
this bulletin)

CIPS Weekly Bulletin

Internet Safety Talk

There will be an Internet Safety Talk for parents/carers, about how to keep their children safe online on **Tuesday, 8th October at 2.15pm- 2.45pm in the semi-circular room**. Internet safety is everyone's concern, and it would be great to see as many parents/carers at this meeting as possible.

Safer Internet Week

This week we held Safer Internet Week at our school and we would like to thank all the staff for making sure this was a focused, informative and fun day for the children. Our pupils had the opportunity to engage in several interesting activities whilst thinking about how to stay safe on the internet. We would like to extend a special thanks to Mrs Holdsworth who co-ordinated throughout the school.



However, internet safety is not just about one day in the year but instead should be ongoing throughout the year both at home and more importantly, when your children are outside of school where we know many incidents can occur. We must all ensure that children remain safe at all times. The NSPCC have excellent advice for parents around the topic of talking to your child about online safety and these can be found by copying the link below.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>



Parent Info Sessions

There is just one more information session to go and it is for parent/carers of Nursery School children. It will be held on **Tuesday 8th October** from 1.00pm-2.00pm.

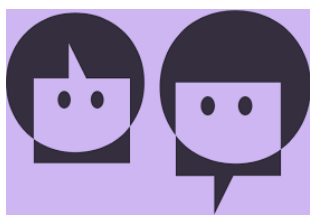
Flu Vaccination

The Flu vaccination will take place in school on **Thursday 10th October** for those children who have brought back permission forms. If you still need to return your vaccination forms, please do so as soon as possible.



School Photographer

The school photographer will be in school on **Thursday 17th October**. All children should wear their full school uniform to school on that day. More details will follow closer to the time.



Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews will take place week beginning **21st October**. To facilitate these interviews, all children will be dismissed at lunchtime after eating their dinner.

The school bus will not be running during this week.

Interview times will be given out at the start of this week and if this time is not suitable, please contact the Class teacher. If an interpreter is required for these interviews, then they will take place after the half-term break.

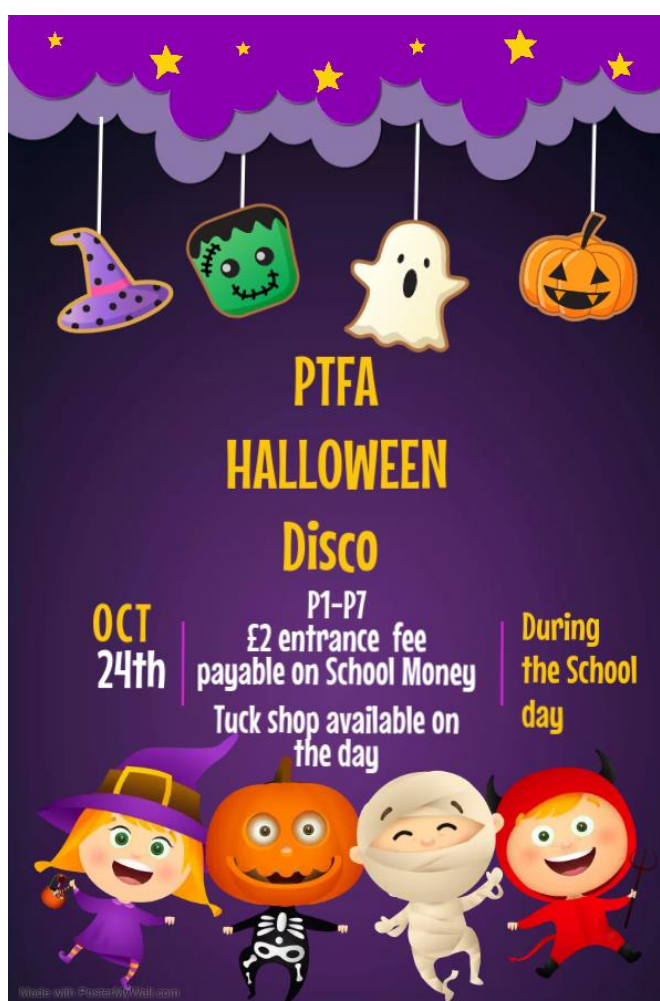
To facilitate ease of picking up the children we have staggered the finishing times during this week. Please see the list below:

Class	21 st -25 th October Finish Times
P1	12.40pm
P2	12.40pm
P3	12.45pm
P4	12.45pm
P5	12.50pm
P6	12.50pm
P7	12.50pm

During the week of Parent Teacher Interviews, we will be running a 1-2 and 2-3 Club on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. You will be able to book places on these clubs on School Money from 14th October.

Half-Term Disco

We are delighted to inform you that there will be a half-term disco, organised by the Parent Teacher Friends Association (PTFA), on **Thursday 24th October**. Pupils may come to school on that day wearing fancy dress and there will be a tuck shop.



Harvest



Fighting food poverty from the heart of Belfast City, Storehouse is a local organisation which partners with schools to receive food donations.

This year, at Harvest, on **Friday, 25th October**, we are reminding the children to be thankful for the food they eat and to share some food with families who are struggling to pay their grocery bills.



Cliftonville Integrated Primary School has been asked to donate: -
**TINNED TOMATOES, JARS OF COFFEE (not instant),
BAGS OF RICE**

**We recognise that many families are facing mounting bills
and appreciate any donation you can give.
Please bring donation to school office during the week beginning 21st October.**



The Gardening Club

The Gardening Club is a great opportunity to spend time with your children in a structured, outdoor environment for a couple of hours of fun. It is also a great opportunity to speak to other parents and make new friends. The other great thing about our Saturday Morning Gardening Club is that it is not restricted to children within the school so your older and younger children can join in too.

Garden Club is a fortnightly club that runs **from 11am to 1pm on Saturdays**. We always say to wrap up for all weather and make sure that your children use the loo before they arrive as there are no toilet facilities at the outdoor Classroom and polytunnel.

This week we were delighted to announce that Ms Halferty was the ballot winner, of the Tesco voucher, at the Saturday morning Gardening Club.

Date	Time
5 th October	11.00 am – 1.00pm
19 th October	11.00 am – 1.00pm
16 th November	11.00 am – 1.00pm
30 th November	11.00 am – 1.00pm
14 th December	11.00 am – 1.00pm



Christmas Pantomime

We are delighted that all the children in our school will have the opportunity to go to the pantomime 'Cinderella' on **18th December**. This pantomime will be put on by Mr Hullabaloo and his team of actors. The cost per child is £6.00 and £5.00 each if there is more than one child in the family. We want to give you advance notice of this event and you can pay the cost of the tickets via School Money.

Board of Governors Reconstitution

Thank you to all those who showed an interest in standing for election to the Board of Governors.

We had four applications for the four vacancies so the need to hold an election was not required. Having liaised with EA, there is no need to hold a meeting, even to

ratify, so we would like to welcome your four Parent Governors (see below) and know that all bring a wealth of knowledge, skill and commitment to our school.

We look forward to them beginning their term of office over the next couple of months.

Parent Governors 2024-28 (alphabetical order)

David Burke, Christina Kennedy, Niina Robinson and Shannon Sicksels



School Ties

It has come to our attention that some of the pupils in our school are not wearing a school tie. If your child has lost their tie or does not own a tie you may purchase a new one for them at the school office at a cost of £3.50.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

Parent/Carer Fitness Club

Thinking of joining a gym or taking up sport again? Maybe you would like to gain a little fitness first?

Come along and join others at our Adult Fitness Class on **Monday mornings from 9.10am- 10.00am.**

Neil, our coach, will be running these beginner classes.

They are free of cost! Come along in suitable clothing and enjoy!



And finally...

Reminders

OFFICE HOURS:

8:30am – 3:30pm (3:00pm on Friday)

CLOSED FOR LUNCH – 12:50PM – 1:20PM

Pupil Drop-off

We are delighted with how all the pupils are settling into school this year.

We would ask that all parents/carers leave their children at the gate.

There will be staff at the gate to welcome the children and to direct them to the correct door for entry into school. We thank you for your assistance in this regard.





Punctuality for Pupil Pick Ups

Please remember to pick your child up from school on time at the end of the day. Unfortunately, there are some parents who are continually picking their children up late from school. This is upsetting for the child, and it can make them anxious. It also delays teachers from meetings and duties which they must undertake at the end of the school day.

Some parents have been more than thirty minutes late!

MOBILE PHONE USE IN SCHOOL

The Minister of Education, Paul Givan, has sent guidance for schools and families on the use of mobile phones and other devices during the school day.

The letter is on our website at the bulletin section of the Parent Area. It is also attached to Seesaw.



Would anyone in the wider school community be willing to play piano to help the children practice for their Sacraments?

Please contact the school office if you are interested – the teachers and pupils would really appreciate your help.



ASDA Cashpot for Schools scheme

The Cashpot for Schools initiative allows customers to raise money for their chosen school or Parent Teacher Friends Association (PTFA) each time they shop with us and use their Asda Rewards App. 0.5% of the value of each shopping trip will be donated to a customer's nominated primary school until the scheme ends on 30th November.

We will also kickstart each school's Cashpot with a £50 donation once they register for the initiative, and an additional £1 will be added for every customer who signs up and nominates them as their chosen school.

Free School Meals

We would encourage everyone who is eligible to apply to do so. This does not mean that your child needs to take a school dinner, but it gives the flexibility, should it suit you, to send him/her for dinners on a particular day. In addition, the school gets additional funding for pupils who qualify for Free School Meals; given that school budgets are being drastically reduced and costs are increasing, this will significantly help to increase our available finances. Application forms and further information can be found on the Education Authority web site or by contacting the school office.
(028 9035 1638)

