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Newsletter

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Harvest Services

This year's harvest services continued the tradition of thanksgiving expressed through gifts of fruit, vegetables and groceries, and through readings, drama, music and art.

We are grateful to all who contributed to the celebration and who enabled us to distribute Harvest gifts within the Ashgrove community.

Barnardo's Harvest Appeal

A cheque for £3200 was presented to the representative from Barnardo's during the harvest services. The money will be used to help children with problems within Northern Ireland.

Yellow Pages

Newtownabbey Borough Council intends to organise an environmental event for schools in the coming weeks. It seems likely to take the form of a competition to collect as many Yellow Pages as possible for recycling. Please start saving now!

Parent/Teacher Interviews

It is important that the school and home work closely together, so many thanks for your support with the parent/teacher interviews at the end of October.

You are, of course, welcome to contact us at any time if you wish to discuss your child's progress.

Traffic

The traffic around the gates continues to be a major problem at certain times of the school day and I have again asked the traffic branch of PSNI to monitor the situation. I would remind you that:

- Only delivery lorries and those vehicles driven by members of staff and disabled drivers should enter the school grounds.
- Gates must remain closed at peak times.
- Parking is prohibited across gateways and zig-zag lines.
- The School Crossing Patrol needs space and clear lines of vision to work safely and effectively.

PTA Bingo & Beetle Drive

Don't miss the beetle drive and bingo night this week.

7:30pm – 9:30pm
Thursday 17 November

Adults £1
Children 50p
(P4 – P7 only)

Light Refreshments & Prizes

Plant Pots

Mrs McAllister has launched an appeal for plastic plant pots of various sizes. If you can help out, please send your spares to school.

Nativity

Our Key Stage 1 Nativity services will be held on Tuesday 13 and Wednesday 14 December. More information will be sent to parents closer to the time.

PTA Mid-term Disco

A weird and wonderful mixture of children and monsters raised the roof at the discos on 27 October.

Parents seemed to have had their fun before the disco and it was lovely to see such a tremendous turnout of well-dressed and well dressed-up children. The standard of fancy dress just seems to get higher every year. Thanks.

Christmas Fair

6:30pm Thursday 1 December

Admission Free

Anyone wishing to donate a prize for the ballot should contact Mr Graham. All ballot money and stubs should be returned to school as soon as possible.

Christmas Post

Our P7 pupils will provide an internal Christmas postal service again this year. Operating during the week beginning 12 December, envelopes bearing a Cedar Foundation stamp will be delivered to any person within the school. Stamps will be sold for 5p each to continue our tradition of raising money for this charity.

2nd Transfer Test - 25 November

Photographs

The photographer will be in school on Wednesday 16 November. Please note that he will only photograph those children who have returned their slips or made a request in writing.

Tesco Sport Tokens

We have now collected over 26,000 tokens but we are keen to chase up any that are still at home in order to make our selection of sports equipment. Please send in your green tokens as soon as possible.