

## Car Parking

Please remember that the small car park is for use by members of staff. Parents using this at drop off or collection time are adding to congestion so please avoid unless entitlement to use the disabled parking spaces. We have several taxis and a bus that should be given priority especially around 2pm. Parents waiting around the roundabout when these vehicles arrive will be asked to move and use the car parking available. Please be respectful to our staff if you are asked to move, there is a genuine reason for this request! You will have noticed some additional traffic in the car park this year. This is due to delays in the Literacy Outreach support officers starting in schools. This will ease in the coming days so will only be a short-term inconvenience.

## Election of Parent Representative on the Board of Governors

The election for a parent representative on the Board of Governors was held on Tuesday evening and Carl Harris was elected. Congratulations to Carl and

## PTA Meeting

The first PTA meeting of the year was held last Tuesday evening. Full details of events are now on the PTA page of the website and on our social media.

One of the events the PTA have planned for November is a shopping trip to Dublin. Cost will be approximately £20 and seats are limited. Booking arrangements will be circulated once a date is finalised next week.

## E-Safety

At this time of year there is a lot of talk about new mobile phones and technology, updates to software on smartphones and apps. I would encourage app parents to check what apps your children are using as well as making sure settings are appropriate.

## Charity

Operation Christmas child is a charity in which the children help fill shoe boxes with appropriate toys, cosmetics and stationery for children in poverty, need and war. We hope to fill boxes age and gender equivalent to be sent to help others in need. Mrs Turtle will be sending out further information in the next couple of weeks to help initiate this appeal.

## Reading Partnership

Last year we started a reading partnership scheme to support younger pupils with their reading in school. Having an adult provide 1:1 time for reading really benefits a child and we are hoping to extend the scheme this year. Training for parents will be provided by Mrs McDowell on a date that suits those interested. If you are interested to get involved, please call into the office and let Mrs McCluskie or Mrs Armstrong know when would suit and we will do our best to schedule the most suitable time.

## Breakfast Club

This year Breakfast club will open at the earlier time of 8am and costs £1 per pupil per day.

## Lost Property

Items of unclaimed uniform from last year has been sent off to charity. There are already quite a number of coats in lost property. If you are missing a coat please come and check with the office.

## Dates Ahead

Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Next PTA meeting @ 7pm in the staffroom
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	School Photographs
w/c Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Parent Interview Week
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Flu Vaccination
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Halloween Disco
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Last Day of Term
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	School Closed – Staff Training
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	School reopens for pupils

If there is anything I or any of the teachers can do to assist you or your child(ren) please get in touch via the office or email me on [jgray246@c2kni.net](mailto:jgray246@c2kni.net)  
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