



GARROWHILL PRIMARY

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Dear Parents/Carers

ANNUAL FUNDRAISING EVENT

As you know we are planning a sponsored Zumba day on Friday 7th October to help us raise school funds. On the day children should come to school wearing sports clothes; joggers or leggings, t-shirt, trainers we plan to keep everyone active with Zumba and some outdoor activity. If you are able to help by sponsoring your child to participate we would be very grateful if all sponsor money could be sent into school by Thursday 13th October.

The funds raised each year for our school fund help us to purchase equipment for the children that we are unable to fund from our core budget allocation such as musical instruments, play equipment for outdoors, outdoor furniture and additional ICT and science resources. This year a priority is to fund the purchase of a new piano as both of our existing pianos have been assessed as no longer fit for purpose!

CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS

Tempest Photography will be in school on Monday 10th October to take class photos only. We operate an alternate year system working between class and individual photos meaning at this time next year individual photos will be taken. Children should wear their shirt and tie uniform for Monday's photo and our PE timetable will go ahead as usual. Staff will make sure all ties etc are back in place!

RNLI DAY

Our Primary 2 classes have been learning about the emergency services this term and on 12th October they are inviting all children to come to school dressed up as a member of the emergency services. Primary 2 pupils will be organising a cake sale. Cake will cost 50p with proceeds going to RNLI. We will also make a small donation from school funds to the charity. If you wish to make any further donation to RNLI then please do so on Wednesday.

SCHOOL CAR PARK

As you know, the bays in our school car park are for staff use. Across the school and nursery we have in excess of 40 staff working in the building and only 33 bays for parking. 31 of these bays are allocated to staff and we try to reserve 2 for authorised visitors to the school or nursery. Parking bays cannot be used. Our janitor offers support in the car park for parents who use the drop off point and this has been working very well, thank you.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The school improvement plan focuses on three main areas this year; inclusion, literacy and assessment. A copy of the plan and our Standards and Quality report is available on the school website. If there is any aspect of the improvement plan you feel you could help with we would be delighted to hear from you.

Diary Dates:

Harvest Service

P3a, P3b and P3/2

parents/carers are invited to attend a rehearsal in Mure Memorial Church on 11th October at 1.15pm

7th October

Whole school sponsored Zumba event

10th October

Tempest Photography; class groups.

RNLI visit for P2s

P2s visiting Fire Station pm

12th October

Parents' Evening 3.30-9pm

In-service Day 3

School is closed to pupils Friday 14th October

October Week

Monday 17th - Friday 21st Oct

25th October

P4 classes visiting Tall Ship

Hallowe'en Disco

P4 - P7 Wednesday 26th

October 7pm - 8.15 pm

P1-3 1pm - 3pm on 31st Oct

3rd November

Flu immunisation day

HEAD LICE

Head lice are very infectious and easily passed from one person to another in school. The best way to reduce the risk of infection is to regularly check your child's hair. If you do discover an infection, your local pharmacist will be able to advise you of the most effective treatment. Please check your child every week and take action if necessary.

HARVEST SERVICE

All children in our school will attend Mure Memorial Church at 1.30pm on Thursday 13th October for our Harvest Service. Our P3 and P3/2 classes are presenting this year's service to the school. As parents/carers **do not attend** this church service we have invited parents/carers of children in these classes to a rehearsal of their performance in the church at 1.15pm on Tuesday 11th October.



We would welcome donations of tinned & dried goods e.g boxes of breakfast cereal, tinned goods such as soup, meat, fish, vegetables, custard, rice & fruit. Tea bags, coffee (not decaf), sugar, tomato sauce, rice, broth mix, fresh/diluting juice, biscuits & pasta. All donations will be given to The Lodging House Mission.

HALLOWE'EN DISCOS IN SCHOOL ASSEMBLY HALL



This year we are asking that children celebrate Hallowe'en by dressing up as a favourite storybook character. All Children, P1-7 may come to school in fancy dress on Monday 31st October

The Parent Council have organised a disco for children in P4-7 on the evening of Wednesday 26th October where they can display their costumes. Children should be dropped off at the main entrance to school at 7pm where our registered helpers will sign them in and provide supervision in the school hall. Parents/carers should return to school at 8.15pm to collect children from the hall.



Children in P1-3 will have a small hallowe'en party and parade on the afternoon of Monday 31st October in school.

CHRISTMAS CARD PROJECT

The Parent Council are again organising the Christmas Card Project. This was very successful last year when all children designed a Christmas Card which was then printed for parents who placed an order. The designs and details on how to order your packs of cards will be in school bags next week. Please return the design to school as soon as possible after viewing it please.

ANNUAL FLU VACCINE

Thank you to all parents for the prompt return of consent forms for the flu vaccine programme. The nursing team will be in school on Thursday 3rd November to administer the nasal spray vaccine to all children for whom consent was received.

Finally, I wish you all a relaxing October Week holiday. School closes on Thursday 13th October at 3.00pm and re-opens on Monday 24th October at 9.00am.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

If your child has a planned medical appointment please let our office know in advance of the date of the appointment. This allows staff to populate the register with the appointment details and saves you having to phone the absence line on the morning of the appointment.