



The Wee Friday Note

Friday 7th October 2022



"It is during our darkest moments that we must focus to see the light." — Aristotle

1. **Harvest Assembly** - on Thursday 27th October, we plan to hold a special harvest assembly. As in past years (pre-Covid), any parents who wish to join us would be very welcome. It will start at 9:15am and last for approximately 30 minutes. The school choir will be singing, some poetry will be read and one of our local ministers will be speaking to the children for a short while.

In the days leading up to this assembly, school will be accepting donations of tinned and packet foods for redistribution among families in the immediate area who, like so many, are struggling with the cost of living right now. If you can spare a tin or packet or two (please make sure they have a long expiry date left 😊) please send it into school with your child for our collection table. If you feel you can't spare anything at the moment, don't worry!

2. **Parent-Teacher Interviews** – these will take place week beginning Monday 24th October. As in past years, children will go home at 1pm each day to enable staff to meet with parents.
 - Only those with legal parental rights (known to the school) can attend. No other relatives unless they have PR.
 - Each parent will have 10 minutes with their child's teacher.
 - We want to see all parents attend these important meetings about their children's learning and welfare.
 - Class teachers will soon be arranging interview slots and will share more details soon.
3. **Is your child entitled to Free School Meals?** For every eligible child registered for Free School Meals (regardless of whether they ever take them or not), schools in N.I. receive additional funding. If you think your children are eligible, please register – it is a big help to the school's creaking finances! If you need help, Lois (our Family Engagement Worker ☎ 07526915747) is happy to help.
4. **No smoking or vaping anywhere on school grounds or near the school gates** – please remember this. Thanks.
5. **Opportunities for parents to get involved** – Lois Corbett, our lovely Family Engagement Worker, has put together a great programme of activities for parents to engage with.

Drop-in / Family Support - Wednesday Am 9 – 11

Coffee and opportunity for individual family support
Short info chats

- 14th September – intro to family connections
- 21st September - Cut your food bills
- 28th September - Energy Saving tips
- 5th October – Making a family Budget
- 12th October – Curry in a hurry
- 19th October – Frugal Christmas Ideas

STAY AND PLAY
PARENTS AND CHILD TOGETHER
WEDNESDAY'S 2-3PM
FAMILY HUB BUILDING

Stay and Play sessions are for parents and children to come and spend time together. Each session will provide an opportunity to have fun through play that will encourage language, literacy, early maths concepts and creativity. We look forward to meeting you.

Weekly Sessions

14th September	21st September	28th September
Games Cafe	Mr Wolf's Pancakes Story and literacy Play	Sensory Play
5th October	12th October	19th October
Baking Together	Bear Hunt Story and Play activities.	Making Playdough

Family Connections

More Information contact -
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*** IMPORTANT FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY ***

w/b Monday 24th October

Parent-Teacher Interview Week.
School finishes 1pm each day (Monday-Friday)

Thursday 27th October

Harvest Assembly, 9:15am-9:45am
Parents welcome

Monday 31st October to
Friday 4th November

Half-term (Halloween) holidays – 5 days

Wednesday 16th November

School Open Night

Wednesday 14th December

P4-P7 Carol Service at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (p.m.)

Friday 16th December

P1-P3 Nativity Play at Mount Merrion Parish Church (a.m.)

Tuesday 20th December

"Carols Around the Christmas Tree" (p.m.)

