



M&M Theatre Fun

On Wednesday 10th October our pupils will be going to St. Patrick's College for a performance of Peter Pan. P1/2 pupils will not be back in school until 2.00 pm approximately. We will be having an early lunch at 11.30 am on that day.

Carpark Peril

It has been noticed by staff that there has been an increased use of the staff carpark by parents since September. Please keep our pupils safe by staying out of the carpark. A number of parents have been using the carpark for turning purposes. Again keep the school gate clear at all times. Some pupils have been dodging cars which have been reversing into the school entrance to turn and it is only a matter of time before a child is injured. I fully understand that parking outside school is a challenge, but pupil safety is paramount.

Flu Vaccines

The nasal flu vaccine will be administered by the school nurse on Friday 12th October. We have currently 11 children whose forms have not been returned. Please note that the form must be sent back regardless of whether the child is having the vaccine or not. Your child will have brought home word today if the form is still outstanding.

Principal's Advice

We pride ourselves in Maghera Primary School on the honest relationship which pupils and staff have with each other. When incidents happen in school, I would ask you as parents, not to jump to conclusions based on what your child has reported to you at home, be they directly involved or feel that they have witnessed an incident. Pupils rarely have all the facts surrounding an incident, and, be reassured that staff will have investigated incidents fully and impartially. We will inform you, if the magnitude of the incident warrants it. It is not the role of the parent to investigate incidents which happen during the school day – this could have legal ramifications for the parent involved. It also leads to increased workload for the teaching principal, who is already working at maximum capacity.

Music in School

Our new violin teacher will be in school each Monday and is able to test those P4/5 pupils who wish to start violin lessons this term. Please indicate to your child's teacher if you wish for your child to be tested for suitability.

We regret to inform you that due to unforeseen circumstances Mr Tamiozzo is unable to offer guitar lessons to our students. We wish to thank Mr Tamiozzo for his kind assistance. If any parent knows or is aware of anyone who would be able to tutor guitar lessons during school times could they please let us know as soon as possible.

The first few weeks of this year's piping and drumming lessons will be after school on a Wednesday from 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm. We are trying to make arrangements for lessons within the school day. To increase numbers, a taster session for P4/5 will be provided in school over the next week. With a big concert coming up in April we want as many children as possible involved in music and choir.

Belfast Community Sports Development Network

Please ensure you have returned your form so that every pupil can participate in the activities provided.

Panto Money

All panto payments are now overdue. Your child will have brought home word today if there is still payment outstanding. Please have it in school as soon as possible.

Photo orders

Photo orders will be collected on Thursday. Any late orders incur an extra charge from the company as they have to process the order separately.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Check out the photos of our coffee morning on the website. A wonderful £400 was raised for this worthy cause. Many thanks to our star bakers, our servers and to all those who donated so generously.

DIARY DATES

10th October

M & M Performance at St Patrick's School, see above

12th October

Nasal Flu Vaccines whole school

22nd & 23rd October

Parent Interviews – 1 pm closure both days to facilitate interviews

26th October

Harvest Hooley – details to follow

30th October

Harvest Assembly, 1.15 pm

31st October

School closed for Half Term, reopening 6th November

6th November

Parents Support Group Meeting at 7pm

Remember – Check out our Website for more photos!