



**Welcome to another edition of the Messenger as we approach our Half Term Break. Thank you to all parents/carers who attended the recent Parent Teacher Interviews. Your support and feedback is always greatly valued and appreciated.**

**Parents' Support Group** The next meeting of our Parents' Support Group is at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November to make plans for our 'Supper With Santa' Event. This year the Group Committee is as follows:-

Chairperson – Val Cappell  
 Vice-Chair – Leeanne Hutchinson  
 Secretary – Edel Allen  
 Treasurer – Amanda Selfridge

We were delighted to welcome some new parents along to our first meeting and would love to see you at the next planning meeting. All our children really benefit from the fundraising and events planned by this group.

**Big Plans for Easter!** School has once again arranged to have Mr. Hullabaloo in school after Christmas to prepare for a Celebration Event just before the Easter holidays. This year the P4-7 pupils will be amazing you with a performance of 'Beauty And The Beast' and our younger pupils will be taking part in singing and Choral Speaking. We will also have our musicians taking part. The event will once again be in St. Patrick's College as it is the largest available venue in town. Save the date – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2019!

**Half Term break** Half Term break is from Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October until Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November, children returning to school on 6<sup>th</sup> November. The pupils can use these four days off to recharge their batteries ready for a demanding run up to Christmas.

**Reminder** Operation Christmas Child will be collecting the filled shoebox on Friday of this week. Thank you to everyone who has or will be contributing.

**Fun at The Panto** The boys and girls had a wonderful afternoon of drama, song and dance with M&M Theatre Company at St. Patrick's College on 10<sup>th</sup> October. Shared Education helped with the cost of this performance. Check out the pictures on the school website.



**Harvest Hooley** This Friday is our Harvest Hooley for all classes. **As the hall is being used there will be no Football Club this week.**

P1-4 will kick off the proceedings from 1.05 pm until 1.50 pm and P5-7 will be enjoying fun, games and food from 1.50 pm to 2.50 pm. Pupils may wear party gear on this day if they wish (no high heels!)

**Harvest Assembly** All classes have been working hard preparing for our Harvest Assembly which is at 1.15 pm on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October. Rev. Stewart will be joining us at the service. As usual we will be having a collection of non-perishable items for the local foodbank and these items will be displayed in the school foyer between now and 30<sup>th</sup> October. We would encourage as many family and friends as possible to join the children on this special day in the school calendar. Pupils are free to go home with parents after the service and begin their half-term break. **Please note there will be no PAL provision on this date.**

**The School has registered our interest for the 'River Rock Water Thirst for Better' challenge. Each label from the 500 ml bottle contains a code which can be redeemed by the School for a monetary donation towards School funds. Qualifying labels should show the 'Thirst for Better' 'Supporting Local Communities' circular symbol. It would be greatly appreciated if you could please bring your plastic labels into class.**

### DIARY DATES

26<sup>th</sup> October  
 30<sup>th</sup> October  
 31<sup>st</sup> October  
 6<sup>th</sup> November  
 16<sup>th</sup> November  
 17<sup>th</sup> November  
 29<sup>th</sup> November

Harvest Hooley – details to follow  
 Harvest Assembly, 1.15 pm  
 School closed for Half Term, reopening 6<sup>th</sup> November  
 Parents' Support Group Meeting at 7 pm  
 Shopping Night (see school note)  
 Transfer Test Day  
 Parents' Support Group Meeting at 7 pm

*Remember – Check out our Website for more photos!*