

Halloween Special

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Spooky October News!

SPOOKTACULAR

This year's Spooktacular Day will take place on Thursday 22nd October. We would appreciate it if your child/children could come to school dressed up for a day of fun activities. There will be spot prizes for the best dressed but please don't feel obliged to buy a costume- we've found that sometimes the best costumes are "the home made" ones!

This year we are also running a **Pumpkin Competition**. Children and their families can design and carve out pumpkins and the best ones will win prizes.

Entries can be brought into school the week starting 19th October and the winners will be announced on our Spooktacular Day. **Please note all**

Pumpkins must be brought home by

Thursday 22nd October. Enjoy your

Halloween Holidays.



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Halloween Holidays will run from Thu 22nd to Fri 30th October with children and staff returning to school on Monday 2nd November. Enjoy the break and remember to be careful near bonfires and fireworks!

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| MONDAY 05 | TUESDAY 06 | WEDNESDAY 07 | THURSDAY 08 | FRIDAY 09 |
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| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
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| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| | | | | Parent Teacher Meetings |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| Halloween | Halloween | Halloween | Halloween | Halloween |

We are delighted that you supported your school signing up to the online payment system SchoolMoney. This means that you will now have the facility to make payments for school expenses, such as trips, online with your debit or credit card.

You won't need to sign up to this system as this is done automatically through the school and as long as you have provided us with up to date contact details we will send you a password within the next few weeks. This password will give you access to your SchoolMoney account where you can pay for any items we have requested from you.

To log into SchoolMoney, visit the website www.eduspot.co.uk and click on the sign in button in the top right hand corner. In the drop down, select the SchoolMoney Parent Login option and this will send you through to a page where you need to enter your mobile number, email address, the password we have sent to you, and your child's first name. If for any reason you are struggling to log in, it may be because you have not provided us with the correct contact details. Please let us know immediately if either your mobile number or email address changes.

We appreciate your cooperation in the early stages of rolling this system out to you.

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Dinner Money

Dinner is **£2.60 per day**. Money is collected on a Monday by Julianne. This job is made much easier if the correct change is given in an envelope marked with the pupil's names and what the money is for. After Halloween our school will be going cashless more information to follow through the school broadcasts.



Swimming

Swimming for P5/6/7 returns on Tuesday 13th October. More info to follow.



Attendance

The School's Attendance for September was 97%. Remember that if your child is unable to attend school, you are to make contact with the school in the morning to explain why they are absent and send a note in with the child when they return-Thank you!

Uniforms

A huge thank you to all families on your continued efforts to maintain children's presentation. The standard of uniform has been exemplary to date. Please ensure that all items of clothing (uniform, coats etc) are correctly labelled to ensure no items get lost.

School Photographer

Our school photographer will be in school on Wednesday 21st October to take whole school and class group photos.



Toys For 2 O' Clock Club

The two o'clock club are collecting toys to use during their planned activities. They are hoping for good quality, educational toys—jigsaws, Lego, construction toys, board games, art activities, books, dominos, connect 4 etc. We're hoping that after Christmas you may have some old toys that are no longer used but are in excellent condition. If so, please check all pieces are intact and send them in to 2 O' Clock club.



How to contact a Teacher

The partnership between you, the parents, and teachers is vital for your child's education. Please take any opportunity available to speak to the teacher about your child's progress. The best time to reach teachers and the principal is before 9.15am and after 3.15pm and we will try our utmost to accommodate your needs. Or, ring the office to make an appointment.



Healthy Break



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At 10.45 the children will get a break to eat their snack. This should be a piece of fruit. We would encourage all children to bring a piece of fruit every day.



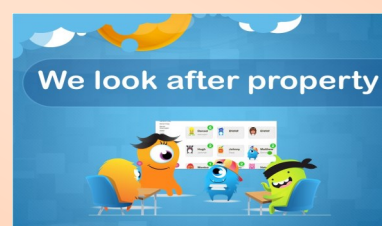
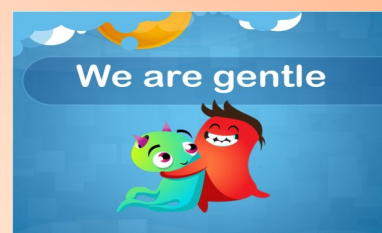
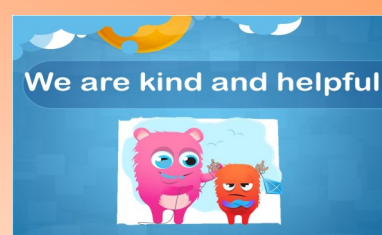
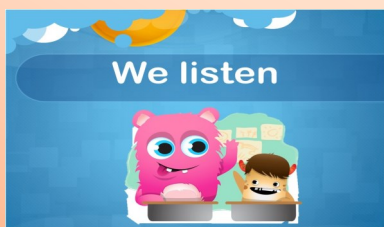
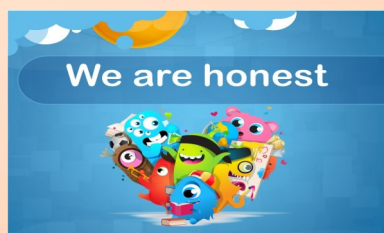
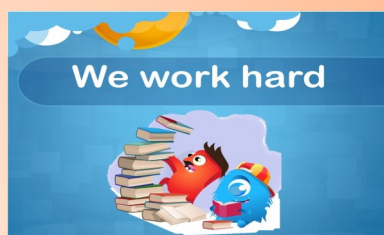
2 O'Clock Club

2 O'Clock Club: Primary 1 and 2 children can participate in planned activities from 2pm -3.15 with Julianne. The 2 O'Clock club costs **£2 per day**. Money is collected on a Monday. We ask that you commit to using this club for 5 days per week.

Reward System

We have implemented and embedded a positive behaviour system at school. Children are rewarded and praised for showing great behaviours.

Please discuss and revise our 6 school rules with your child at home.



Parent Teacher Meetings



With social distancing creating a myriad of changes to how adults visit school, this year we are offering a choice of how you'd like to participate in your parent meetings.

We are also sending a survey to see when you would prefer to have your Parent Teacher Meeting-Term 1 or Term 2. In a survey that we sent home last year-some parents felt the October was too early in the year to have the meetings. Please complete the online survey and we will endeavour to have arrangements in place as soon as possible.

We're asking for families to choose either:

1. A face to face meeting which will take place from 9.15am-15.15pm on Friday 23rd Oct (subject to there being no change in social distancing procedures)

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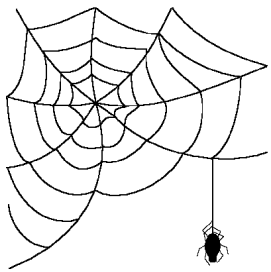
2. A Microsoft teams video conference: school would send you a time slot for an afternoon on either Mon 19th, Tuesday 20th, Wed 21st or Thursday 22nd Oct.

To allow socially distanced face to face meetings children will not be in school on *Friday 23rd Oct*

A survey will follow via Whatsapp to allow you to pick a preferred date and choice of type of meeting.

Or

3. A phonecall with your child's teacher.



School Nurse

Flu vaccine forms will be distributed soon. The school nurse is due in on 17th November to administer this vaccine. More details to follow.

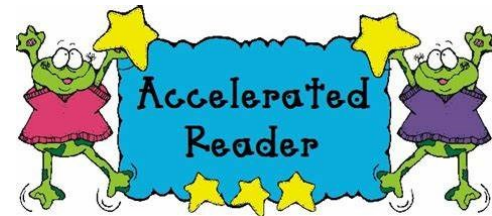


Coats

Please remember to bring your coats from now on as the colder weather creeps in.

School Phone

If you have are not receiving any of the school Whatsapp Broadcasts please contact the school immediately. Unfortunately due to poor network coverage, any messages sent to the school mobile will not be received during school hours-The best way to get a message to school is to ring the



Accelerated Reader

P4-7 have been working on Accelerated Reader. Their teacher has set targets for them and they will be working towards achieving these targets during ICT and reading lessons at school. Ask your child what books they are reading and encourage them to keep a log/record.



October is the month of the Rosary. Every day at 12 noon we will say the rosary together at school. If your child has a pair of rosary beads-send them into school and they can use them every day.