

Halloween Special

ST. BRIGID'S



Spooky October News!

SPOOKTACULAR

This year's Spooktacular Day will take place on Monday 18th 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 run-

ning 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 18th October and the winners will be announced at the end of the week. **Please note all pumpkins must be brought home by**

Thursday 21st. Enjoy your Halloween Holidays.



Halloween Holidays

Halloween Holidays will run from Thu 21st October to Fri 29th October with children and staff returning to school on Monday 1st November. Enjoy the break and remember to be careful near bonfires and fireworks!



All our children (and staff!!!) are taking part in a school fundraising event in which we will run a Half Marathon, a total of 21,098 metres on Thursday 21st October. In preparation for this event we have been partaking in "The Daily Mile" challenge to ensure we are at the tip top of our fitness levels. We have been really enjoying this so far! Please help your children to complete their sponsor sheet. All money raised will be spent on replenishing our Guided Reading books for all children at our school. Thank you for your support!

Dinner Money

Dinner is **£2.70 per day**. We are a cashless school-Please make all payments through the School Money app.



Swimming

Swimming for P5/6/7 returns in Term 2 and will run from January-March. More info closer to the time.



Attendance

The School's Attendance for September was 95%. 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 20th October to take whole school and class group photos.



Forest School

We were successful in our application to become a Forest School!
What happens at Forest School?

Led by our own onsite qualified practitioner small groups of children will participate in a programme of weekly sessions which last for at least an hour. The sessions will involve practical activities which aim to build up participants' skills, abilities and confidence over time through the seasons. We can't wait to get started in Term 2!

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.

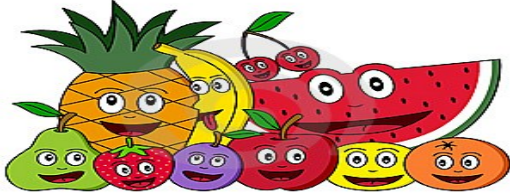


Healthy Break



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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

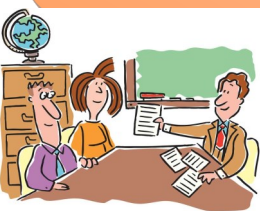
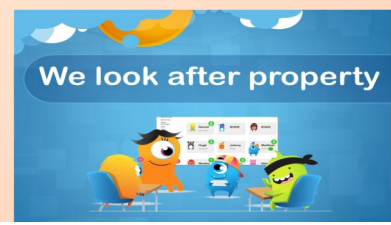
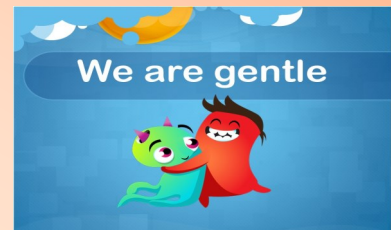
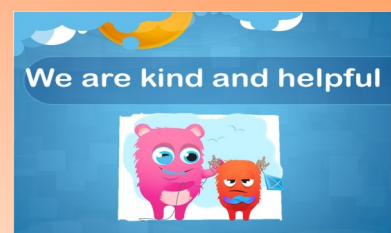
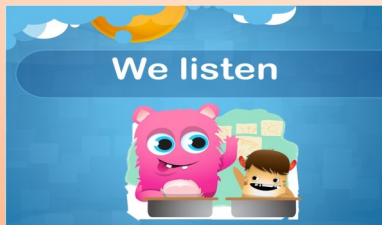
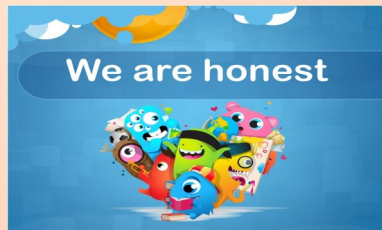
2 O'Clock Club: Primary 1 and 2 children can participate in planned activities from 2pm -3.15 with Julianne. The 2 O'Clock club costs **£2 per day**. Money is to be paid using the School Money App. We ask that you commit to using this club for 5 days per week.

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.

We will be consulting with all stakeholders this month as part of our Anti-Bullying Policy review. We appreciate your time and feedback.



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.

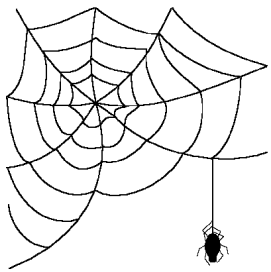
Parent Teacher meetings will take place on **Friday 22nd October**. Please complete the online survey and we will endeavour to have arrangements in place as soon as possible.

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 22nd Oct (subject to there being no change in social distancing procedures)

Or

2. A phonecall with your child's teacher.



School Nurse

Flu vaccine forms will be distributed soon. The school nurse is due in on 3rd November to administer this vaccine. More details to follow.



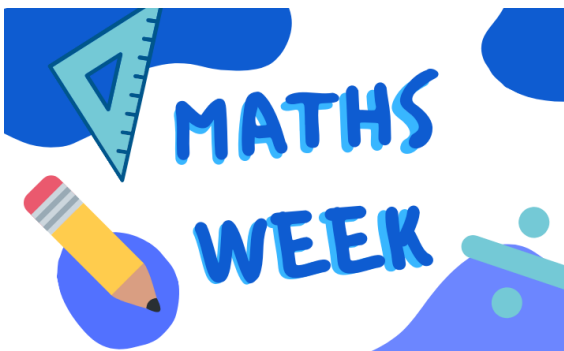
Coats

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 school office.

Maths Week



Every class will be partaking in challenging Maths week activities from 16th-24th October.



October is the month of the Rosary. Every day at 10:30am 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.