











# **Cool News**

# **Diary Dates**

November 2025

### **Harvest Assembly**

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported our Harvest Assembly on Friday 24th October. We had a lovely morning and really appreciated Rev. Eccles taking the time to join with us. 'Thank you' also to everyone for the contributions that were received for Omagh Food Bank. It was lovely to see such a collection to pass on to help others.

#### Charity of the Year

Following presentations by our school council, our Yr 1-7 pupils selected Marie Curie as our school 'Charity of the Year'. We are looking forward to supporting this charity throughout the school year. The first event is Friday 21st November when we are asking pupils to dress up as their favourite character from a movie. We would ask for a minimum donation of £1 per pupil.

#### **Open Days**

Our Primary School Open Day will be held on Friday 28th November. while our Nursery Open morning will be held on Friday 12th December. Please pass these dates along to any parent who may be interested in enrolling their child in our school.

#### **Shared Education**

During November our Yr 1, 3 and 7 pupils will be participating in Shared Lessons with pupils from St. Oliver Plunkett. These lessons will focus on ICT, Numeracy and Outdoor Learning and have been funded by the Department of Education.

In December our Yr 5 pupils will have a visit to the Ulster American Folk Park with pupils from St. Oliver Plunkett. This trip has been funded by Fermanagh and Omagh District Council.

#### **Parent/Teacher Meetings**

If you were unable to attend a parent teacher meeting before half-term, please get in touch to arrange an alternative time. This can be over the phone if it proves difficult to arrange a face-to-face meeting.

**5th Nov:** Yr 1,3 & 7 Shared Lessons

10th Nov: Odd Socks Days

**10th - 14th Nov:** Anti-Bullying Week

**11th Nov:** Remembrance Assembly @ 9.30

**12th Nov:** Yr 1, 3 & 7 Shared Lessons

**13th Nov:** Cooley Caterpillars

**19th Nov:** Yr 1, 3 & 7 Shared Education: Trip to Pomeroy

**21st Nov:** Dress up Day - movie theme

**24th - 28th Nou:** Ulster Scots Leid Week

**28th Nou:** Open Day (Primary School)

**3rd Dec:** Santa Supper

**4th Dec:** Nursery Christmas Performance

**5th Dec:** Yr 1-7 Trip to Pantomime

11th Dec: Christmas Concert (9.30 a.m. & 7 p.m. Primary School)

**12th Dec:** Nursery Open Morning (11 a.m.—1.45 p.m.)

**18th Dec:** Cooley Caterpillars

**19th Dec:** School closes at 12 noon: No school dinners

**22nd Dec - 2nd Jan:** (inclusive): School Closed: Christmas holidays

**5th Jan:** School Development Day (School Closed)

All dates are subject to change.

#### **Parent and Teacher Association**

Many thanks to all who attended the recent AGM of our PTA. Elections were held and the following are the

office bearers for the year:

Chairperson: Mrs Jillian McFaul Vice-Chair:: Mrs Sarah Gibson

Secretary: Mrs Bronwen McCausland Assistant Secretary: Mrs Roslyn Beacom

Treasurer: Mrs Elaine Black

Grants Officer: Mrs Julie Anderson

During the meeting that followed, the PTA agreed some ideas for events to be held throughout the year. These include:

\*Santa Supper: Wednesday 3rd December at 6 p.m.

\*Easter Eggstravaganza

\*Summer Fete

The PTA will be focussing on updating our school supply of iPads. Our main supply of iPads have become low in storage available due to their age and so are hard to add new apps or updates to.

#### **Remembrance Assembly**

We will be holding our annual Remembrance Assembly on Tuesday 11 November at 9.30 a.m. All are welcome to join with us as we take the time to remember those killed in various wars.

#### **Ulster-Scots Leid Week**

We have a number of activities planned for Ulster Scots Leid Week, 24th - 28th November. On Monday we will be holding a celebration event for pupils from our school and Dromore PS. This event will focus on poetry by W.F. Marshall and poems of Yr 6 and 7 pupils from both schools, written in the style of W.F. Marshall. Yr 6 and 7 pupils will have a number of sessions facilitated by the Ulster Scots Agency to help them in their preparations for this event. Many thanks to the Ulster Scots Agency for the organisation and delivery of this project.

On the Wednesday Mrs Ruth Clarke will be back to deliver some Ceilidh dancing sessions in school for pupils and their parents and on the Friday we will have a visit from a lambeg drummer, who will deliver sessions on lambeg drumming to both pupils and their parents. Many thanks to the PTA who secured funding from Fermanagh and Omagh District Council for these events.

### **Anti-Bullying Week**

We will be participating in Anti-Bullying Week on the 10th - 14th November. The theme will be 'Power for Good' and the week will start on Monday with an Odd Socks Day. On this day pupils are asked to wear odd socks as a reminder that we are all different but that is what makes us special.

## Olympic Handball

Yr 6 and 7 pupils will be participating in a four week coaching block of Handball sessions during November, which will be delivered by Olympic Handball Ireland. These sessions will be delivered on Thursday afternoons as part of the PE curriculum.