



MERCY NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2017



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October - Settling in!

Dear Parents and pupils,

We have a busy month ahead as we move towards the Mid Term Break. Our PTA friends of Mercy have been so busy getting ready for our Official Opening of our parent room. We would love to see more parents using our parents room on Monday and Friday mornings. We have lots to do and we are getting ready for our Halloween Woodland Walk. If you can help at all come along to our PTA meeting on Friday morning at 9.15.

We continue to need parent help for school events this year: Our Halloween Disco is on Friday 27th October, we also need Christmas Breakfast and parent volunteers to run our parent room coffee mornings or parent classes.



On Thursday our whole school will take part in an Action MS Sponsored Walk. Pupils should wear sensible footwear trainers or boots and can wear tracksuit bottoms/ leggings with their uniform on top. We

get on the bus to go to our walk and will go walking around Belfast Castle. Sponsor forms should be returned for a chance to win prizes on the day.

Visit by Lord Mayor Nuala McAllister

We had a delightful visit by the Lord Mayor Nuala McAllister who came to officially open our parent and community room. It was lovely to have a past pupil and Mercy girl back to visit. We wish her well in her role as Lord Mayor this year.



One of our own, Lord Mayor Nuala McAllister Visits Mercy Primary.

Our Macmillan Coffee Morning - raised a total of **£410.35**. Thank you for your generosity, for all your baking and for turning up to buy our buns and cakes. Well done P7 for organising a great day!



Curriculum Meetings

Curriculum meetings have been a great success this year. Thank you to all those parents who attended.

Parent Teacher Interviews:

Our 1-1 parent interviews have been organised for the afternoons of **Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th October 2017**. To facilitate these meetings pupils will finish at 12.30 both days. School Lunches and buses will be provided. School will close on Friday 27th October at 12.30.

Early closing Wed 25th Thur 26th Fri 27th October



Reminder old £1 Coins will **not be accepted in school** after Oct 15th as we bank by Post Office and they are no longer being accepted as legal tender from this date.

After Schools Clubs

Gymnastics, cycling and many of our afterschool clubs have begun but watch out for art, sports and parent fitness classes starting after the Halloween break. Information will be sent home soon.

Parent Volunteers Needed:

If you can spare a half hour on Thursday 26th October to help decorate the hall for our annual disco and fancy dress parade we would be really delighted! If you are available from 10.30-11.30 we would love you to help join in the fun!

Hallow'een Celebration

Our annual Halloween fancy dress parade will take place on Friday 27th October, children are asked to come to school in fancy dress for a morning of fun and excitement! **School will finish at 12.30pm**



Beat The Street!

Keep using those beat the street key fobs to collect points. Prizes will be given out at each assembly. Let's keep walking!

First Communion

Primary 4 parents waiting for information about First Holy Communion will be contacted as soon as the parish informs us. We hope to receive dates of the Do This in Memory of Me Programme soon.

Book Fair Our scholastic book fair takes place next week. There will be an opportunity to buy books before and after school. Parents are welcome for a browse from Tuesday at 9am, 2pm and 3pm each day.



Nut Free Zone

Parents, we are a nut free zone. This means that birthday treats are restricted. We **cannot give out birthday cake** in school. If you desire, only 'Haribo' sweets may be sent in to share. We thank you

for your understanding in this matter as it is lifesaving.

School Council

Our Eco School council members have been nominated and will be working hard this year to help create healthy and active pupils! Our Head Girl and Deputy Head Girls have been chosen.

Our Head Girl is Meabh Burns!

Deputy Head Girls are Nicole Murray -McClaverty and Rachel Mallon

Congratulations girls we look forward to your roles this year.

Our updated Dinner Menu is available online.

Theatre Fun



On Thursday 19th October - we will be having a visit from the travelling Theatre Show performing the Wizard William We ask for a contribution of **£2** from each child.

Our Christmas Panto

This year we are heading to the Waterfront to see Sleeping Beauty our Christmas Pantomime. We will begin collecting a deposit in the next weeks to help spread the cost.

Dates for Your Diary

Monday 2nd October -Supporting Families Children's Health and Self Esteem for P2 and P5 classes. (6 weeks)

Thursday 12th October Action MS Sponsored Walk - Belfast Castle

Monday 16th October Book Fair

Thursday 19th October - William Wizard, Theatre Show. £2

Friday 20th October - Ditch The Dark

Wednesday 25th/ 26th October -Parent teacher Interviews pupils finish at 12.30

Friday 27th October - School Halloween Disco & Dress up. £1

Mid-Term Holidays

School closed for a week
Monday 30th October - Friday 3rd November

School Re-Opens -Monday 6th November

13th November Anti Bullying Week

14th November- Zoo Lab visiting our school £1

24th November - Flu Vaccine given in school. & P7 Mercy College Taster Day.

24th November P7 Trip to SSE

1st December - Christmas Breakfast 8am-10am

15th December - Pantomime Waterfront