



# FAIRVIEW P.S.

## Child Protection / Safeguarding

Please remember that if you have any concerns about your own child or another child outside school, as well as in, you should share these concerns with:

### Miss Earls

(Designated Teacher for Child Protection and Safeguarding)  
or

### Mrs Norris / Miss Bennett

(Deputy Designated Teachers)  
or

### Mrs Matthews

The Child Protection Policy can be accessed on the school website or via the school office.

## Attendance - October

October was another positive month with attendance still high overall. The school average was 94.7%.

Well done to the top 3 classes! They were,

1st place - P3LMcQ - 98.4%

2nd place - P7NMcM - 98.35%

3rd place - P5JC - 97.1%

## Diary Dates 2021

P6 Forest School	Friday, 12th November
Remembrance Day Service at War Memorial - 11am	Sunday, 14th November
Anti-Bullying Week	Monday, 15th - Friday, 19th November
AQE 1	Saturday, 20th November

## Covid-19

We have experienced a few positive cases within our school community over the half term break and since our return to school. We would like to thank you all for communicating so well with school and for sharing all necessary information with us in a timely fashion.

For all those pupils who are off isolating because they have tested positive, work will be provided by class teachers. However, if your child is really unwell with Covid, then please ensure they take the time to recuperate and get back to full health.

Below is a list of the main Covid symptoms to look out for but, as so many of our families have experienced, children may have no symptoms or some very different ones!

- a high temperature
- a new and persistent cough
- a loss of taste or smell

If your child has any of the above then please ensure a PCR test is booked and results sent through to [lcaldwell474@c2kni.net](mailto:lcaldwell474@c2kni.net). Pupils should remain at home until a negative result is received. Thank you, once again for your continued support and help.

## Harvest Thanks

Thank you to all those families who so kindly donated to the Newtownabbey Food Bank as part of our harvest celebrations. Michelle Purdy from Ballyclare Presbyterian Church, collected all the donations and was so impressed with the volume of food donated. We know that so many families will benefit from your generosity, so, thank you.

## **Breakfast Club**

Just to remind all parents that our Breakfast Club is now back up and running! It is available from 7.50am until 8.45am. Pupils arriving before 8.15am will be charged £3.00 and those arriving from 8.15am will be charged £2.50. This includes a breakfast of cereal, toast, juice and fresh fruit. Please ensure all monies are paid daily and the correct change is handed over.

Entry will be via the side door in the staff car park. Please note that all parents must park in the **parent car park and not the staff one**. All pupils should be walked up to the breakfast club from the school gate.

## **After School Activities**

Teacher-led after school activities have now resumed for this half term. These will run until week beginning 29th November. Please check with the external companies as to when they finish for Christmas as they are all different.

## **COP26**

World leaders are meeting in Glasgow this fortnight to discuss climate change and to commit to increased action to tackle climate change. We wanted to mark this important event in school and recognise that we all have a part to play in helping our precious world. Our Eco-committee and Eco-club joined forces and have produced a video to help educate all our pupils on what climate change is and what they can do in school and at home to make a difference. Many thanks to the boys and girls involved for all their hard work. We think you've done an excellent job!

The video can be found by accessing the link: [https://youtu.be/FG1-P9\\_GtCo](https://youtu.be/FG1-P9_GtCo)

## **Anti-Bullying Week**

We look forward to Anti-Bullying Week running from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November. This year the theme is 'One Kind Word' and in school we will be learning how one kind word leads to another, through a range of activities throughout the week. In September we ran a competition for Fairview's theme of the year. The winning word was 'encourage' and we look forward to completing our first themed task during this week. Keep an eye on the social media pages to see what we get up to!

## **Switch Off Fortnight**

At Fairview we like to look after the environment so over the next two weeks we will be taking part in Switch Off Fortnight 2021. As a school we will be making a conscious effort to use as little energy as possible. This will involve making sure lights and projectors are switched off when they are not being used, that blinds are kept open to let in as much light as possible and keeping our iPad and computer use to a minimum. Our school Eco-committee will be our Energy Lookout Force (ELF) for the fortnight and they will be checking classrooms at break and lunch time to make sure we are conserving energy. They will record their observations and at the end of the fortnight the winning class will receive a night off homework!

## **Open Day 2021**

We will be holding our annual Open Day for new parents on Wednesday, 1st December. This year, we will be asking people to book a tour in advance, using the link on our website and Facebook page. Alternatively, contact school directly. There will be a maximum of 5 families on each tour, led by one of our staff members. We encourage you to bring your preschool child along, accompanied by a maximum of 2 adults.

Please do take a look at our Facebook page and website for more details, including our amazing new promotional video which we will launch next week. We feel it showcases all that is great about Fairview! Do share the post widely so the message is seen by the whole Greater Ballyclare community...you could even add a comment to encourage some new families to join us in September 2022!

## **Non-Uniform Day**

The last day of term was a non-uniform day in aid of Hope365, a local charity which helps street children in Ethiopia. Thank you to all those pupils who brought in their pound! We raised a fabulous £495.22!