



Drumahoe Primary School – Parent Memo: October 2023



PTA:

There will be a short PTA meeting on **Thursday 5th October** at 6.15p.m. in the staff room of the school. This is to discuss much needed fundraising ideas for the year ahead and to gather a list of volunteers to help out at any planned events. It would be great to get a team together to bring fresh ideas and offer to help, as without this our wonderful fundraising events would not be possible. If you are unable to attend on Thursday but would be willing to lend a hand throughout the year, please give Mrs Glenn in the office a call.

Just a little reminder that if you shop online then please use the Easy Fundraising app or sign up as a supporter online to raise FREE donations to support the work of our PTA. Use the following link to start supporting our school:

<https://www.easypfundraising.org.uk/causes/drumahoeprimaryschool>

On the app you will find instructions about how to enable the Donation Reminder when shopping online. This is a great way to ensure you can donate without always having to log into the app beforehand.

Hallowe'en Disco:

This year the arrangements for the Hallowe'en Disco are as follows. Children in P3 and P4 children will have their disco from 6.00 - 7.00pm and P5 – P7 children will have their disco from 7.30 – 8.30pm on **Thursday 26th October**. Children in Reception P1 and P2 will have their disco during school on Friday 27th October. The children are free to come dressed up or not but those that do will earn house points for their houses. The children will also be charged an entrance fee and included in this will be a bag of sweets etc. for the children to enjoy during the disco. These are the provisional arrangements; more details will be sent out closer to the time.

Following on from the success of our Hallowe'en costume sale last year, the PTA will once again be selling costumes after school from Monday 16th October until Wednesday 25th October. If you have any costumes that you would like to donate to this sale, please feel free to bring them into school from now until Monday 16th October.

Free School Meals:

Just a little reminder that if you feel you are eligible to apply for support for School Meals or towards uniform costs, then please complete an online application using the Education Authority's website. This benefits the school in terms of the funding we receive. For more information and access to the online form please use the following link: <https://www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals-uniform-grants>

Coffee Morning:

Drumahoe Community Association are holding a coffee morning in school on Wednesday 18th October from 10.30 until 11.30 a.m. This is open to all members of the community to come along for tea/coffee and a chat. Some of the children will also be dancing, reading poems etc. on the morning, so if you are free in the morning, we would love to see you there.

Harvest:

We will be holding our Harvest Service in school on **Friday 20th October**. Our service will be led by the Reverend Hibbert from Glendermott Presbyterian church along with children in the choir, some of the children in school, with the P7 children responsible for decorating the harvest table. This year we are supporting the work of the Pantry Project run by the Churches Trust. If you would like to donate any items such as tinned fruit / rice / custard / spaghetti / potatoes / beans / biscuits / pasta / rice / pasta sauce / cereal / tea / coffee / jam, then please send in a donation with your child on the day.

Christmas Cards:

This year we are again fundraising for the school through the purchase of Christmas Cards designed by the children. We appreciate all your contributions to all our fundraising efforts throughout the school year, especially during these difficult times. Any contribution you can make is very much appreciated.

Manchester United Foundation:

Just to let you know that the school is once again working alongside the Manchester United Foundation. Children in Primary 7 are working with Martin to build not only their fitness skills but also developing their team-work and health and well-being skills.

Parent/Teacher Meetings:

This year, we are moving the date of our annual parent/teacher meetings forward to the week beginning 13th November. We feel that this would be a better time to discuss your child's progress as it gives more time for us to work with you if there are any areas of your child's education that may need some development. The format will be the same as last year in that you will be offered either a face-to-face meeting or a telephone conversation. The school will also be closed earlier this week. More information will follow closer to the time.

Safeguarding / Child Protection:

Just a little reminder that if you have any concerns regarding safeguarding or child protection then please note that these should be passed onto Mrs Hegarty in the first instance. If she is not available, then Mrs Walker or Mrs Johnston should be notified.

After School Activities

Just a reminder that the following clubs will run after school throughout October:

Monday – Netball

- Craft Club
- Rugby Tots

Tuesday – French

Dance

School Football team training (P6 and P7)

Wednesday – Hockey

Brazilian Soccer School

Thursday – Maiden City Football (P5 – P7)

Diary Dates:

Flu Vaccination – Thursday 12th October

Hallowe'en Fancy Dress Disco – Thursday 26th October 2023

P1 Open Evening for new families – Wednesday 29th November 2023

Festive Evening (Santa's Visit) – Thursday 7th December 2023

P1 & P2 Nativity (10.00 a.m. start) – Tuesday 12th & Wednesday 13th December 2023

P3 – 7 Carol Service (1p.m. start) - Wednesday 20th December 2023

Autumn Term Holiday List Confirmation:

The following Holiday List has been confirmed with immediate effect for this term:

- School will be closed from Monday 30th October to Friday 3rd November 2023 (inclusive) for ½ Term
- School closes for Christmas on Thursday 21st December (½ day) and re-opens on Thursday 4th January 2024.