

Moneynick Primary School

Newsletter

October 2020



Dear Parents, pupils and staff,

We are all delighted to be back in school and we thank God we are all safe and well.



Friends of Moneynick

Congratulations to our September winners, Henry and Bella Gribbin. We hope you enjoy your prize.

The Friends of Moneynick will hold their annual Halloween Fun Day and Sponsored Run in school on Friday 23 October. Due to Covid-19 we can not have our traditional disco so this year we have planned a few special treats to complete within our class bubbles. The children have been partaking in the Daily Mile in anticipation for our sponsored run.

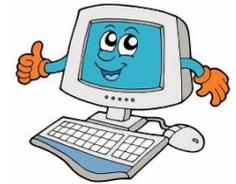
Pupils can come to school dressed as a favourite Halloween character. During the day we will have Halloween art activities, a fun run and pumpkin carving.

Lacey Solicitors have donated a £100 voucher for the family who collects the most sponsorship. Each family that returns their sponsor sheet will be entered into a further draw.

Friends of Moneynick have secured a £1,000 Public Health Agency grant to support our pupils' emotional health and well-being upon their return to school. The pupils in Primary 1-3 will participate in music therapy with all social distancing guidelines adhered to. The Primary 4-7 pupils have all received a special wellness journal and mindfulness book.

Online learning

During September our pupils have begun their online learning journey using a number of remote learning resources. We have to commend their effort and we encourage them weekly to stay connected through the online platforms. As we move through October we will introduce Seesaw as an online platform to communicate directly with class teachers. QR codes will be sent with the children in their homework folder.



Dinner Menu

A dinner menu will be sent home at the beginning of each month. The menu is also available to view on the home page of our school website www.moneynickps.com



Mid-term Halloween Holidays

School will close for mid-term break from Monday 26 October. School will reopen on Monday 2 November inclusive.

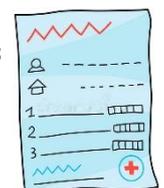


Flu Vaccination

The school nurse will be in school on Tuesday 13 October. Any outstanding forms should be returned to the class teacher. Forms must be returned stating whether you are, or are not, giving permission.



Could any outstanding medical forms also be returned to school, please.



Please read carefully the procedure below should a positive case of Covid be confirmed during the school day.

Parents

1. You will get a text message to say a positive case of Covid has been confirmed in your child's class bubble.
2. You will be informed that the class are being sent home.
3. Parents/Guardians of children to be collected will be asked to come to the school during a specific time slot to collect their child. Whilst it is normal that parents will want to act with a degree of urgency it is essential to adhere to this time to ensure we get all pupils exited in as safe and timely a manner as possible.
4. When you arrive at the school and are parked, you should wait for your child in the car. When you see your child at the gate you should come and collect your child. Staff will be unable to engage with parents at this point.
5. Staff will be available in the vicinity of the main entrance to make sure your child is safely delivered to your care.
6. You will be directed to the school website to view a letter outlining actions to take when your child leaves school and is safely home. Phone lines should be left clear for emergency calls.
7. If you wish to report a positive Covid case in your family, please contact the school as soon as possible. If it is out of school hours, please email info@moneynickps.randalstown.ni.sch.uk

A member of staff will be in contact.

Please read carefully the procedure below should a positive case of Covid be confirmed afterschool hours.

Parents

1. You will get a text message to say a positive case of Covid has been confirmed in your child's class bubble.
2. You will be directed to the school website to view a letter outlining actions.
3. If you wish to report a positive Covid case in your family, out of school hours, please email full details to info@moneynickps.randalstown.ni.sch.uk

Victoria Square Pumpkin Project

We have been chosen as one of eight schools in Northern Ireland to participate in the Victoria Square Pumpkin Project. Victoria Square will deliver a pumpkin for each child, which they will design in school. The best pumpkin will receive a Victoria Square Shopping Voucher. In return, they ask for photos of our child designing their pumpkin. If you wish to allow your child's image to be displayed in their Halloween promotions, please complete and return the permission slip attached.

Please continue to keep our pupils and our school community in your prayers.

