

## Drumahoe Primary School – Parent Memo: October 2022



**PTA:** The PTA met last month to discuss upcoming events for the year. As we build up to Hallowe'en and our Hallowe'en Disco on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October, we will be running a sale for Hallowe'en costumes. Over the next two weeks, if you have any costumes that you no longer use, please bring them into school. During the following weeks, the school will be open in the afternoon for parents to come and purchase these costumes for a small fee.

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.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/drumahoeprimaryschool>

### **Hallowe'en Disco:**

This year our Hallowe'en Disco will take a slightly different format. Children in primary 1 and 2 will have their disco during school on the afternoon of 27<sup>th</sup> October. Then at night P3 and P4 children will have their disco from 6.00 - 7.00p.m. and P5 – P7 children will have their disco from 7.30 - 9.00p.m. 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.

### **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>

### **Harvest:**

We will be holding our Harvest Service in school on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October**. Our service will be led by children in P3C, P3/4McK, P7S and the choir, 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.

### **Cross Country**

Our cross-country team will be making its first competitive outing on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October in Thornhill College. If you want to come along and cheer us on, the event will begin at 12.15pm. Mr Scott will provide those involved with arrangements next week.

### **Manchester United Foundation**

Just to let you know that the school is continuing to build links with the Manchester United Foundation this year. Children in Primary 7S are working alongside Martin to build not only their fitness skills but also developing their teamwork and health and well-being skills. Next term P7H will participate in these activities.

### **After School Activities**

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

Monday – Netball (P6 & P7 Girls)

Tuesday – French (P1 – P3, then P4 – P7) and Dance (P1 – P3, then P4 – P7)

Wednesday – Hockey (P6 & P7) and Soca Tots (P2) / Brazilian Soccer School (P4)

Thursday – Maiden City Football (P5 – P7)

### **Diary Dates:**

Flu Vaccination – Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Hallowe'en Fancy Dress Disco – Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2022

P1 Open Evening for new families – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022

Festive Evening (Santa's Visit) – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2022

P1 & P2 Nativity (10.00 a.m. start) – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022

P3 – 7 Carol Service (10 a.m. start) - Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2022

### **Autumn Term Holiday List Confirmation:**

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

- School will be closed from Monday 31<sup>st</sup> to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2022 (inclusive) for Half Term.
- School closes for Christmas on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December (12 noon) and re-opens on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023.