

November 2023



Dear Parents,

Please find below useful information and reminders for the month of November 2023.



Mass

The whole school will continue to attend Mass every Monday at 9.30am

The Mass can be viewed on mcnmedia.tv

We would like to extend our thanks to Monsignor Curry. Our Monday Mass has become an important part of our school week.



Dear Parents/ Guardians,

I hope everyone had a good midterm and that the children enjoyed the rest over the break. We are looking forward to a busy few weeks in the lead up to Christmas. We have many exciting events planned for the children including a Christmas Craft Fair, a trip to the Panto, and a visit from “the big man himself”— Santa. Please keep an eye on Facebook/ Dojo and our school website for updated information.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any worries or concerns
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Mrs Ciara McIntyre (Principal)

**Thursday, 8 December 2023
Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Mass @ 9.30am**

P4/5 Swimming – Wednesday Hurling P6/7- Wednesday

PE with Conor Whole School Tuesday

Lissan PS Parent/ Teacher Association

We are delighted to introduce our newly formed Parent/ Teacher Association

Joanne Rodgers, Gavin Rodgers, Angela Convery and Michelle Foster

I would like to extend our appreciation to these parents and I look forward to working with them on many exciting projects in the future.

If you would like to help out in any way with school events such as the Christmas Craft Fair/ Christmas Show/ Sports Day but are not able to give a full time commitment, please also get in touch with the PTA as we welcome any help to ensure that School events run as smoothly as possible. As a small school, with a small staff, any additional support is hugely appreciated.

Thank you in advance!



Strike Day

UNISON/ NIPSA members will strike on Thursday 16th November. In accordance with Health and Safety/ Safeguarding Risk Assessments, the school will be closed for all pupils until 11.45am.

School dinners will be available at the normal times and must be booked on or before 9.30 am on our Parentpay App.

Parent/ Teacher Consultations

Parent/ Teacher consultations will be held on the week beginning 13th November. Your child's teacher will be in touch via Class DoJo when the timetables have been arranged.

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HOMEWORK REMINDER

Homework is an important way to reinforce your child's learning . It is important that the children continue to complete the activities each night as this will reinforce the learning that takes place in the classroom.

If your child is finding difficulty with any homework activity, please message the teacher immediately and we will provide support.

We ask that the children continue to read independently, and this reading is constantly monitored in school through our **Accelerated Reading** programme. The children will continue with their **GUIDED READING SESSIONS** in school.

If you require any support, or have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher either through Class Dojo or cmcintyre695@c2kni.net or by phone to the school office.

Sponsored Autumn Walk

Our sponsored walk took place on Thursday 26th October.



It was a wonderful walk – despite not being able to walk around Lissan House due to the muddy and unsafe ground. Thank you to everyone who supported this event. We were overwhelmed with the amount raised - £3031.80!! This money will be used to develop outdoor play resources for the school.



Flu Vaccination

The school nurse will be in school on Monday 20th November to give flu vaccinations to the children who were absent or ill on the previous day.

NUT ALLERGIES!!!

We have several children who have severe nut allergies. It is vital that products that MAY contain nuts are not sent into school. If you are UNSURE about a product, we would ask that you err on the side of caution and do not send it in.

Many thanks for your support!



Credit Union Saving Scheme will be collected every Monday



Christmas Dinner/Jumper Day



Charis
Cancer Care

Friday 8th December 2023

£1 donation per pupil would be appreciated to support our local charity – Charis Cancer Centre.



Good luck to all the pupils sitting the Transfer Test on 11th & 25th November 2023

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Anti Bullying Week 2023

Anti-Bullying Week takes place on the 13-17th November. The children will be involved in lots of activities to help them know how to keep themselves safe in school, in their community and online.

The theme of **Make A Noise About Bullying** came about following consultation with teachers and pupils by the Anti-Bullying Alliance which coordinates Anti-Bullying Week every year in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Teachers and children wanted a theme that empowered them to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes.

Why is it important?

“Too often, we are silent when we see bullying take place, silent about the hurt bullying causes, and silent when we hear bullying dismissed as ‘just banter’.

It doesn't have to be this way.

Of course, we won't like everyone and we don't always agree, but we can choose respect and unity.

This Anti-Bullying Week let's come together to have discussions about what bullying means to us, how banter can turn into something more hurtful, and what we can do to stop bullying. Together, we can make a difference and take a stand against bullying.

From the playground to Parliament, and from our phones to our homes, let's make a noise about bullying.”

During Anti Bullying Week the children will be involved in lots of positive activities promoting the importance of being kind to each other. Please keep an eye on our website to see what we get up to.

Follow the link for more information:

<https://www.kidscape.org.uk/>



Odd Socks Day Monday 13th November

What is Odd Socks Day?

Odd Socks Day marks the start of Anti-Bullying Week. We have everything you need to celebrate what makes us all unique and spread kindness! Odd Socks Day 2023 will take place on Monday 13th November. It is supported by cBeebies presenter & ABA patron Andy Day and his band 'Andy and the Odd Socks'.



The children have been discussing the importance of Odd Socks Day at assembly!



Open Evening



**LISSAN
PRIMARY
SCHOOL**

Wednesday 6th December

Principal's Address at 7pm, followed by a tour of the school
For children starting school in September 2024

- Situated 3 miles from Cookstown
- Small class sizes
- Outstanding standards of academic achievement
- Highly qualified and caring staff
- Wide range of extra-curricular opportunities
- Breakfast Club from 8am and After Schools Care to 4:30pm
- Newly installed "state of the art" classrooms with superb ICT Suite and Sensory Room

If the date is not convenient, please do not hesitate to contact us to make alternative arrangements.

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Together we learn, grow and play in God's love and care.



Enjoy Festive Treats:
S'mores & Hot
Chocolate by the open
fire



Meet Mrs Claus &
Santa's Elves

Arts & Crafts:
Snowman on a Skewer
Reindeer Food

Write your Santa
letter & Deliver it
personally to Mr
Claus

Story Telling & Much
More

Each child will receive a
gift & a digital
photograph as a souvenir
of their visit

**BOOK EARLY TO AVOID
DISAPPOINTMENT!**





ParentPay

COUNT ON US

Our new cashless system – ParentPay – is now up and running in school. A massive “thank you” to all parents who have successfully downloaded the app and are already using ParentPay to complete transactions in school. We hope, that this system will make life much easier for all our families.

If you are experiencing any difficulty please do not hesitate to contact the school office. From this point on we will no longer be able to accept cash payments into school for the activities highlighted on the app.

It is also important that school dinners are booked on or before 9.30 am each morning.

Thank you again for your support!