

Weekly News

Friday 16th September



Guard of Honour

On Thursday we lined up on the main path in school and formed a guard of honour with our flags as a mark of respect to the royal family and to acknowledge the passing of the Queen.

School will be closed for the State Funeral on Monday 19th September.



PTA Scarecrow Competition

We are so pleased to be able to hold the Scarecrow competition again this year. All of the entries in past years have been amazing and we can't wait to see the entries this year! All Scarecrows will be displayed, as always, on the lawn at the front of the school for everyone to admire! You can bring your scarecrows into school from Monday 3rd October. The winning scarecrow entry will be picked on Friday 7th October and the winner will receive a goody bag. All entries will win house points. We hope all our families will be able to get involved so that we have lots of scarecrows to display!

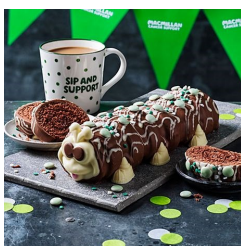


PTA AGM

Our PTA AGM will take place on Tuesday 4th October on zoom. The link will be shared before the meeting and new members will be made very welcome!

Macmillan Class Bake Off

This will take place in school on Friday 30th September and we are suggesting that each child bring a donation towards the charity of £1. Suzanne is also running a competition by Macmillan called 'Colin's Conundrum' where the child can guess the number of sprinkles on the caterpillar cake at 20p per guess. The winner of the competition in each class will win a Colin the Caterpillar cake!



NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe Programme

This term we will be participating in the NSPCC's *Speak out. Stay safe.* online programme. This consists of an online assembly and supporting classroom based activities. *Speak out. Stay safe.* is a safeguarding programme available to all primary schools in the UK and Channel Islands. It aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse in a child friendly way. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a trusted adult or to Childline.

Please see the letter on Seesaw for more information on this.

Walk to school week

We will hold our walk to school week from Monday 26th September and teachers will be in touch nearer the time with more details.

Tractor Run

This year on **Saturday 8th October** we will be holding something we have never attempted before at Armoys PS—a Tractor Run! This will be to raise funds to go towards enriching your child's experience at Armoys PS. We would love you all to begin spreading the word around the community and get as many tractors (and drivers) to sign up as possible! This should be a really fun day for our families and friends and we have also organized various activities such as Autumn craft, a Pumpkin patch and a BBQ at school! Tractor entry is £15 and can be registered on the day. Entry is £3 per person which includes BBQ. As always your support is really appreciated—please let Ruth McNeill know if you are able to help in any way. Even 1hr volunteering will really help the event run smoothly.



Credit Union Savings Scheme

We will be sending letters home soon from Ballycastle Credit union which will enable you to sign up your child to their savings account scheme. Your child would then be able to bring in money once a week which the credit union will come and collect and deposit into your child's account. Please see the letters we will be sending home for more information. We have organized for the Credit Union to discuss the importance of savings and managing money with our P6/7 later in the year.

AQE Registration

Applications for registration are currently open and will close at **4pm** on Friday 23rd September 2022. If you have not yet registered your child please use the link below to take you to the online portal which is at the bottom of the AQE web page.

<https://aqe.org.uk/applications-for-registration-2022-2023/>

Upcoming events & dates for the diary

Closure—Monday 19th September

Shared Education fun day—will take place on Wednesday 21st September—please send your child to school in PE kit

P7 Marconi (Morse code) Workshop will take place on Thursday 29th September.

Class Bake Off—30th September

PTA Scarecrow Competition—All week, beginning 3rd October.

Parent/teacher week 17th October.

Tractor Run—Saturday 8th October

Flu vaccine—Nurses will be in school in November (14th) to administer the vaccines. We will be in touch with details closer to the time.

Harvest Tea/McMillan Coffee morning—21st October (parents/grandparents invited). Details to follow

Panto Trip—We will be attending the Grand Opera House, Belfast on **Wednesday 7th December** to watch 'Cinderella'. This trip will cost £20 per pupil which includes travel and ticket. Please let us know if your child will not be attending.

Residential Trip—We have organised our P6/7 residential trip which will take place slightly earlier this year from 17-19 April 2023. All places have now been allocated and deposits that have not been paid yet should be paid on ParentPay asap.