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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you are all keeping well. As we start this new month, I would like to draw the following matters to your attention:

**Sustrans Bike to School Week– Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

This week, children who live locally are welcome to travel actively to school. Pupils who live further away are also very welcome to bring their bike by car, but obviously this might not be very practical or possible.

**Harvest Service**

This year we are holding our Harvest Thanksgiving Service at Ballyloughan Presbyterian Church. This P1-P7 thanksgiving service will be on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022 at 10am**. All families are welcome - we would love to see you there.

**Harvest Food Products**

Each year, as part of our Harvest celebrations we put together a display of food. These food items are then distributed to those in most need in the community via the local food bank. This can only be done with the support of parents and carers. Please could you consider sending in one non-perishable item (e.g. teabags, coffee, pasta sauces, tinned meat or fish, tinned fruit, cereals, toilet rolls or personal hygiene products) before the Harvest Service. One item per pupil is sufficient. Massive thanks in advance. This charitable project is always extremely well supported every year.

**Parent/Teacher Meetings – Week beginning Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October**

Please note that the week set aside this term for Parent/Teacher consultations will be the week commencing Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October. These will be held in person within your child's classroom.

Each school day during this Parent Meetings week (Monday – Friday) will finish at 1pm for pupils to facilitate these meetings. All pupils will get their dinner/packed lunch before they go home at 1pm.

Next week, a note will be sent out to each parent/carer with their interview date and time. If this day does not suit, please let the teacher know by writing on the note

**School Building Safety Protocols: Arrangements at drop off and pick up times**

To promote and encourage pupils' independence, we would encourage all parents/carers to now leave children at the entrance door in the mornings. Naturally, these entrances will be supervised by staff.

If you would like to pass a message to the class teacher, please speak to Mrs McCarroll and she will happily pass on any information and/or book an appointment for you with the teacher if this is necessary.

### **P1-P3 Hometime (1.50pm)**

Following the removal of Covid restrictions, Parents and Carers are welcome into the playground at the end of the day and may collect their child from the school courtyard gate.

### **Friday 28th October – Non Uniform day**

This will be a non-uniform day (not fancy dress). No £1 donation necessary.

### **Half Term**

Just a reminder that the school is closed during the week beginning Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October due to a School Development Day and the half term break.

### **Flu Vaccinations**

Flu Vaccinations will take place next Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2022. Please return your flu vaccination letter (sent home today) to your child's class teacher as soon as possible.

### **Friends of Dunclug Primary / PTA Meeting**

We will be holding the first 'Friends of Dunclug Primary' meeting of the year next Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm in the school dining hall. It would be great to see new members. Meetings are informal and last no longer than one hour.

Many thanks for your continued support. Hopefully see you all at our Harvest Service at Ballyloughan Church on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022.

Yours Sincerely

**Mr A Beacom**

**Principal**