

NEWSLETTER

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Diary Dates

Cash for Clobber clothing collection	Tuesday, 1 st October
P6 Forest School Session 1	Friday, 4 th October
Fairview Ambassadors visit to Mossley Mill	Friday, 4 th October
Primary 1 in to 2pm (full day)	Monday, 7 th October
Mental Health Awareness Day	Thursday, 10 th October
Harvest Assembly	Friday, 11 th October
Flu Vaccination	Monday, 14 th and Tuesday, 15 th October
P6 Forest School Session 2	Friday, 18 th October
Pumpkin Patch PTA event	Saturday, 19 th October
Parent/Teacher interviews (12:30pm finish for pupils)	Tuesday, 22 nd – Thursday, 24 th October

Parking in School Grounds

I have spoken to quite a few parents over the last couple of weeks about parking inside the school gates, for Breakfast Club or drop off especially. Can I politely request that no parents are driving into the school grounds at any time during the school day without prior permission from the school office. We have children moving around school from 7.45am right the way through to 5pm and beyond. Our priority is the safety of all these pupils and limiting movement of vehicles on the grounds during the school day is one way we can manage this. I really appreciate your understanding and support with this.

PTA AGM

We had our first PTA meeting of the new year this week and what a great encouragement it was to see so many parents come along and show a desire to get involved in the life of Fairview Primary School. We said a huge thank you to Nichola Leese who has stepped down as Treasurer, and we welcomed Emma Armstrong and Gillian Hamill as our new Joint Treasurers. Emma Meikle and Ruth Livingston were re-elected as Joint Chair and Gina Beattie was re-elected as secretary. Thank you to all our post holders, new and experienced, for taking on these important roles.

Can I say a huge thank you to our PTA team who raised an amazing £13500 last year. This money goes directly back into the school, most recently purchasing a new full set of class iPads, as well as interactive screens for all our classrooms, Accelerated Reader for P4-P7 and party food and presents at Christmas. The fund raising is essential to what we do in Fairview, but even more than that, the events organized are loved by the pupils and provide so many wonderful experiences.

We are looking forward to another wonderful year. Even if you are not involved with our PTA, I hope you will give some time at one or two events to ensure their smooth running. A couple of advance dates.... Our Pumpkin Patch (see link on SchoolMoney for booking) will be on Saturday 19th October, our Half Term Disco will be on Thursday 24th October, our Christmas wreath making workshop will be on Thursday 5th December (adults only at Ballyclare Golf Club) and our Award Winning Christmas Trail will return this year on 12th-13th December.

If you would like to be involved with events such as the disco, or even going on school trips, we would like you to go through the Access NI process. If you have been checked before, the office will be in touch about your renewal. If you are a new parent and interested in getting involved this year, let us know and we will get the paperwork sorted.





Although our fundraising will be used year on year to maximise school life for your child, we agreed a fundraising target for the future. Plans for our new extension are well advanced and we hope to have this completed within the next few years. As the extension opens, our current mobile classrooms will be removed and replaced, if all goes to plan, with a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA). As a school, we have to fund this ourselves and we are already well on the way to doing this. Over the next three years, we hope our PTA along with business support can help us reach our target. So...

Will you join us to run (or walk) a leg of the Belfast City Marathon in May 2025?

We want to enter up to 20 teams in next year's marathon, made up of a Fairview staff member team captain and 4 parents or friends. All participants will pay a £25 entry fee and then aim to raise as much sponsorship as possible, with all we raise going directly to the MUGA fundraising pot. This will be our first big event and we would love our whole school community to get involved. Email fnorris303@c2kni.net or pop into the office and let us know if you are interested, or simply have a chat with your child's teacher. We will be booking the teams straight after half term, so get training!

Fairview Ambassadors

Our new Fairview Ambassadors had their first meeting recently with two representatives from each P5-P7 class forming the group which will play a lead role in making the views and thoughts of pupils known and working to improve the school experience for all.

One of the first roles of Fairview Ambassadors is to elect a Chairperson. We had a number of confident and talented Primary 6 and Primary 7 pupils put themselves forward and present their vision for the forthcoming year to all their peers in assembly. We can now announce our new Chairperson as Jessica Dickey and her Deputy this year will be Charlie Blair. Alice Montgomery will take on the role of Secretary. Well done to all of you on such an important appointment and we all wish you well as you lead our Fairview Ambassadors and represent the school at various events in the weeks and months to come.

New House Captains

Congratulations to our new House Captains, Rosie McAllister (Cogry), Sarah Witherow (Collin), Sophia Cummings (Rashee) and Megan Foster (Ollar). Congratulations also to our new Vice House Captains, Erin Morton (Cogry), Ella-Louise Stringer (Collin), Oliver Finlay (Rashee) and Lexi Kennedy (Ollar). We wish them the very best in their new role, we know they will make wonderful leaders who will encourage and support their fellow 'House mates' in Primary 4-7 throughout the rest of the year.

Together the House Captains will meet with Mr Allen to plan House competitions and keep track of house points. We look forward to hearing their ideas for future competitions and exciting prizes for the winning Houses! May the best House win!



Eco Chairperson Appointed

We are delighted to announce Georgia Jess as the new Chairperson of our Eco Committee, and Lucy Semple as Deputy Chair. The girls presented exceptionally well to both assemblies last Monday and displayed a clear commitment to environmental issues, both in Fairview and outside in the community. Well done Georgia and Lucy, we are all looking forward to your leadership.

Annual Board of Governors' Report

The Board of Governors' Annual Report will be available, on request, from the school office for any parent/carer until Friday, 25th October.

Book Fair Update

We were delighted to have our most successful Book Fair a few weeks ago. We raised an amazing £2,691. This money now goes back into buying new resources for school. We have already started to put this to good use updating our guided reading books in Foundation Stage and freshening up our AR library with lots of new and exciting books. Your support, as always, is very much appreciated.

Macmillan Big Breakfast Morning

Earlier today, we hosted our annual Macmillan Big Breakfast. We had huge amounts of pupils come along to support the event, with many parents bringing along a reusable coffee mug to be part of the fundraiser as well!

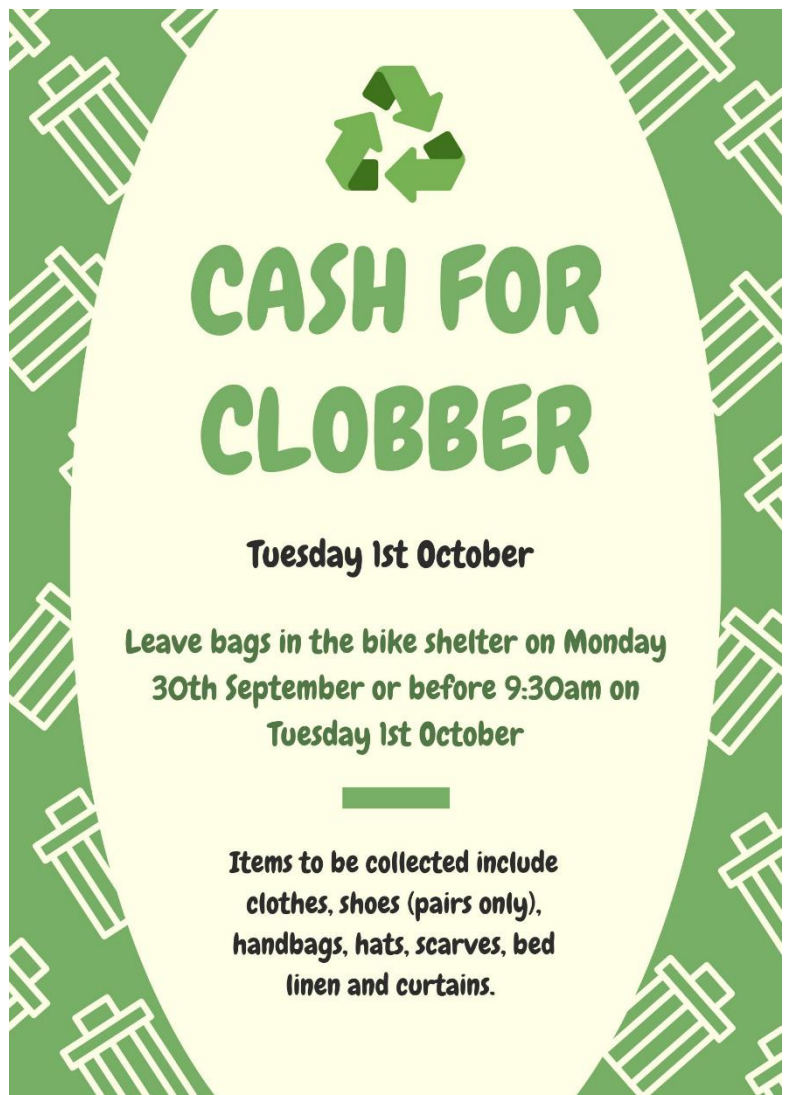
Thank you for your support and donations. We don't have a total yet but I know we will be making a sizeable donation to Macmillan next week. Thank you also to Miss Cooke who organised the morning, to all the staff who assisted and to the parents who helped with tidy up afterwards. As ever, our whole school community came together to make the event a success.


Crown Jesus Ministries Puppet Show Visits School

Klasskids and Crown Jesus Ministries visited our school this week with Grandad, Max and the other mischievous puppets in their team. All our pupils had a wonderful morning watching Grandad retell the story of The Prodigal Son, making use of his newest invention, 'The WIG Machine' – remember to ask your child to tell you all about it! As always, our pupils enjoyed every second of the Puppet Show and we would like to thank Helen and her team for taking the time out to visit our boys and girls.

Cash for Clobber

Our first Cash for Clobber collection will take place on 1st October (next Tuesday). This is an excellent way for us to raise funds for our school. The programme is managed by Cookstown Textile Recyclers who will collect unused clothes, shoes (pairs only), handbags, hats, scarves, bed linen and curtains. Duvet covers and pillow cases can also be re-used. They sort the items to see what they can reuse or recycle. If you are clearing out over the weekend, bag your unwanted items and leave them in the bike shelter at the front of school from Monday.

A vertical poster for 'Cash for Clobber' with a green and yellow background. At the top is a green recycling symbol. Below it, the text 'CASH FOR CLOBBER' is written in large, bold, green letters. Underneath, 'Tuesday 1st October' is written in a smaller green font. A horizontal line separates this from the collection instructions: 'Leave bags in the bike shelter on Monday 30th September or before 9:30am on Tuesday 1st October'. At the bottom, a list of items to be collected is provided: 'Items to be collected include clothes, shoes (pairs only), handbags, hats, scarves, bed linen and curtains.' The background features a pattern of white recycling symbols on a green field.

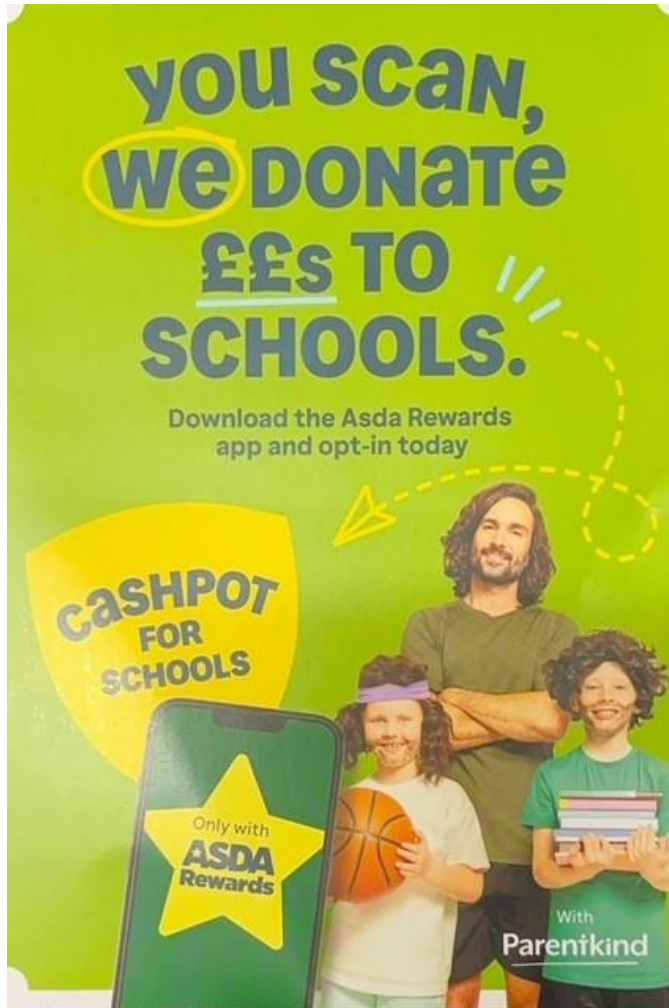

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ASDA Cashpot

We know many of you shop in our local ASDA store. The 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative is a fantastic way for you to support your local school simply by doing your shopping!

It is a really straight forward process, detailed below in three easy to follow steps. Please get involved and start raising money for Fairview. We have already over £600 raised for school. Wouldn't it be amazing to reach £1000!

Please share the word, especially with our past parents and all in the local community. We would really appreciate all your support.



After School Clubs

In Fairview, we feel we offer a wide range of clubs and it has been really encouraging to see so many of our pupils getting involved with these clubs over the last two weeks.

In the past years at Fairview Ambassador meetings, members have discussed behaviour at After School Clubs. They felt the behaviour of some pupils was affecting the enjoyment of the majority of the club members. Following discussion, it was agreed that an extension of the 'Golden Rules' would be applied to After School Activities.

Staff and children have worked together to establish a '**Three Strike Approach**' to disruptive behaviour at After School Clubs.

Positive behaviour will be reinforced, as always, with praise and encouragement. Positive behaviour can be rewarded by Club teachers with House Points (P4-P7) and also passing on praise to class teachers. Persistent and challenging behaviour will be addressed in a calm, firm and positive manner.

The accompanying diagram details what was agreed at Fairview Ambassadors, following discussion through Class Councils.

The Three Strike Approach

One Incident of Misbehaviour

If a child consistently misbehaves the following action will follow:

- The child will be given a warning and given an explanation as to why behaviour is unacceptable

Second Incident of Misbehaviour

If a significant second incident occurs the following actions will be taken:

- The child will be removed from activity and will be asked to sit out for 5 minutes. The staff member will then discuss the reasons for the behaviour, why the behaviour is unacceptable, how the behaviour can be managed by the child and the consequences of their actions on others.

Third Incident of Misbehaviour

If another incident occurs the following actions will be taken:

- The child will be withdrawn from the activity and accompanied to the office.
- The child will not be permitted to attend the club the following week.
- This will be communicated to the parent/carer via a standard note. An HSL can be arranged, if required, to discuss the behaviour with the Club Leader and Key Stage Coordinator.



School Safeguarding

If you have any safeguarding concerns, then the following is the school team:

Designated Teacher -	Mrs Norris
Deputy Designated Teacher -	Miss Earls
Deputy Designated Teacher -	Mrs Craig
Safeguarding Governor -	Mrs Victoria Woodside

The school's Safeguarding Policy is available to all parents on the school's website or from the school office, on request.





FAIRVIEW PRIMARY SCHOOL
PTA PRESENTS

FAIRVIEW PUMPKIN PATCH

SATURDAY 19TH OCTOBER

From 11am - last admission 1pm

Join us for a special themed trail, crafts,
games, marshmallow toasting and scarecrow
disco all included in your ticket price.

TICKETS PRICES:
CHILDREN £10
CHILDREN (NO PUMPKIN) £7
ADULTS £3
UNDER 2 GO FREE (NO PUMPKIN)

TICKETS AVAILABLE VIA SCHOOL MONEY



External Information

Templepatrick Cricket Club have big plans on and off the pitch over the next few years.

We are now launching our MANGO BIKE DRAW.

Thank you very much to MANGO BIKES for the very kind donation of an excellent £700 bike.

The link to the draw is -

[TCC x Mango Bikes 2024 Super Draw](#)

