



In Spires

September 2017

A Warm Welcome

To everyone on their return to school and in particular to our 30 new P1 pupils. We also have new pupils in P5 and P6 and hope they all thoroughly enjoy their time at Spires Integrated Primary School.

Road Safety

Please drive carefully and slowly within the school grounds and refrain from parking on the roundabout or just outside the school gates on the grass. Although the speed limit is 50 mph outside the school, we encourage you to drive at 30 mph in the interest

of the safety of all of the school community. The flashing school signs should be in operation from 8.45 am – 9.00 am and around 2.00 pm and 3.00 pm daily. If you notice they are not working please report this to Mrs FitzGerald in the school office.

Officer Holmes from PSNI led a Road Safety and Stranger Danger talk to pupils in P1 – P3 on 4 September. This was an excellent opportunity for the children to revise these important messages.

Dinner Money

Dinner money costs £2.60 per day/£13.00 per week. Please send the correct dinner money to school in an envelope (cash or cheque), with your child's name and class on it, each Friday. A book of 40 dinner money envelopes is available from the office at a cost of £2.50. **If correct money is not given – change will be sent home on the following Friday.**

Parent/Teacher Meetings

Parent Interviews will take place on Monday 16 and Tuesday 17 October. There will be no written homework this week. Pupils will be expected to continue with the reading/phonics/spellings and tables as usual.

School will close for all pupils at 2.00 pm on both days. (P1, P2 & siblings will leave at 1.30 pm both days.)

Eco Committee

Our Committee is organising a fun walk to school on Friday 6 October as part of our Sustrans programme. Details will be issued soon.



Newsletters and Dinner Menus

With the exception of this issue, we will continue our policy of posting Newsletters and Dinner Menus on our website so that we are looking after the environment. If, however, you require a hard copy please leave your details in the school office.

Pupil Council

- P4 pupils are creating manifestos and we will inform you of the outcome of the vote. Who will be the lucky two who will join our fabulous group?
- Last year Pupil Council asked for additional play items in the big playground as several classes had suggested them through their Class Councils. We now have large scooters and a 'play train' and mud kitchen (thank you Mr Simpson!!!!)

Parents' Community

I am delighted to report that our Parent Group is rapidly growing in numbers and will develop a more structured approach – this does not, however, mean more work! If you are interested in becoming involved to support your child, please leave your details in the school office and one of the parents will contact you.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Our Parents' Community is organising this as their first event of our school year. It will be held on **Tuesday 26 September from 8.30 am – 10.00 am**. More details to follow.

Dates for Your Diary

4 September	PSNI Road Safety/Stranger Danger (P1 – P3)
15 September	P4 Pupil Council Voting Day
18 September	Global Learning – World’s Biggest Lesson (P4 – P7)
19 September	ICT Kitemark Assessment Day
26 September	MacMillan Coffee Morning at 8.30 am
29 September	School Closed – Staff Training
2 October	The Big Friendly Giant Production (P1 – P7)
3 October	PSNI - Road Safety and Stranger Danger (P4 and P5) - Internet Safety/Cyber Bullying (P6 and P7)
16 & 17 October	School closes early – Parent/Teacher Meetings
18 October	Rights Respecting School (RRS) Level 2 Assessment Day
24 October	Harvest Assembly at 9.30 am – Everyone Welcome
25 October	Flu Vaccinations
26 October	Halloween Disco
30 October – 3 November	School Closed for Mid-Term
6 November	School Photographer – Photos will be ready in time for Christmas presents!
7 November	Parents’ Coffee Morning from 8.45 am in the Hall
8 November	Book Fair Begins
5 December	Parents’ Coffee Morning from 8.45 am in the Hall
14 December	Foundation Stage/Key Stage 1 Christmas Panto at 9.30 am and repeated at 7.00 pm.
15 December	Key Stage 2 Carol Service at 9.30 am
20 December	P1 and P2 at Springhill – Christmas Activities *P3 – P7 at Millennium Forum Panto – Cinderella * Please note the bus will leave at <u>8.30 am sharp</u> and there will be a charge of £10.00 per pupil.



Tissues

We would appreciate it if each child could bring in a box of tissues.



Rights Respecting Schools

Article 30:

Every child has the right to learn and use the language, customs and religion of their family, regardless of whether these are shared by the majority of the people in the country where they live.

We are excited to welcome the Northern Ireland Commissioner for Children and Young People (NICCYP), Koulla Yiasouma, to our school on Wednesday 6 September. The Commissioner will discuss her role in safeguarding and promoting the rights of children and answer children’s questions on issues that matter to them.

We are looking forward to participating in the World’s Largest Lesson and supporting the Global Goals for Sustainable Development during the week beginning 18 September. P4 – P7 will be introduced to the Global Goals and discuss actions we can all take to help achieve them.

We are very proud of the ‘Pocket Book of Rights’ created by our Rights Respecting Committee. Staff, Governors and P4 – P7 children will each receive their own copy.

Each class is working on creating their Class Charter based on the UN Convention of Rights of the Child (CRC). Our Charters will set out the actions agreed between all children and adults in class to ensure that rights can be realised and enjoyed by everyone.