



EBRINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

October 2019 Newsletter

It is hard to believe that the first month of the new school year is now well and truly behind us. It has certainly been a very busy time right across school, with many new projects up and running. I look forward to the further development of this throughout the academic year.

Parent/ Teacher Interviews

Primary 7 parent interviews are now almost complete, with Primary 1-Primary 6 parents being offered an interview 'on a need to see' basis, this week, beginning Monday 14 October. All parents of Primary 1 - Primary 6 pupils will have the opportunity to meet for parent interviews later in the school year, during the Spring term.

School Development Plan

The parental survey in March 2019 highlighted a good percentage (28%) of parents not feeling informed of the school development plan in the past. The school development plan is our 'road map' in school, which guides us on the path we feel we need to travel to best meet the needs of all the stakeholders involved in school. It is a document which is designed to cover 3 years. We are in year 3 of the current plan, and we recognise the importance of sharing our key priorities with parents. Please find included with today's newsletter a brief summary of the 'direction' we want to travel this year, both with curricular areas and other areas in school. I trust you find this information useful. We will be surveying parental views on a number of key areas in coming months to help us develop our next 3-year development plan.



Family Quiz Night

Reminder: Our Halloween Family Quiz Night is now well planned out and we are looking forward to welcoming families to school on Tuesday 22 October, 7:00-8:00pm, £5 per team (maximum 6 family members). There are a number of prizes throughout the night. Please ensure all entries are returned to school, to the class teacher, by Friday 18th October. Late entries will not be accepted.

Halloween Dress Up Day & Disco

We have planned for Friday 25 October will be a dress up day in school and we are asking pupils to bring in a £1 donation, which will go towards BBC Children in Need. The senior choir are singing as part of the show on Friday 15 November, and we want to be able to present a nice big cheque to a very worthwhile charity.

School Council Crazy Hair Day

The Pupil School Council have organised a 'Crazy Hair Day' on Friday 18 October. Pupils & staff are encouraged to come to school with an unusual hairstyle on this day, and bring a donation (suggested £1) which will go towards equipment for the pupils in the playground. This equipment will be researched and ordered by the pupils themselves.
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School Facebook Page

The school Facebook page, managed by teaching staff, is a great way of highlighting all the positives that are taking place in school. If you have not already sent a 'friend request' to the admin team, I would encourage you to do so.



School Football

The school football team have had a good start to the season, playing 4 matches so far. We have started the season off really well with a win, two draws and a tight loss. Lots of more exciting games to come during the year.

School Flu Vaccine

REMINDER: The school health team will be visiting school on **Thursday 14th November**, to give the nasal flu vaccine to all pupils.

The Pantry Project

As part of our Harvest celebrations this year, we are teaming up with the Churches Trust & Cornerstone to take part in 'The Pantry Project' and Hope Food Bank Appeal. We are asking each pupil in school to bring in an item of food listed on the accompanying flyer, by Monday 21 October. This will go a long way into providing support for families within our local community. Thank you for your continued support.



Breaking News-Families First NI Education Awards



I am delighted to announce that school has been nominated in a number of categories for the Families First NI Education Awards, February 2020. Judges will visit school and talk with staff as part of the assessment. Another key part of the assessment will be parent/ community comments made to the Families First website, over the course of a week (dates to be confirmed). This would be another fabulous accolade for our school and I trust that, when the time comes, we can rely on your support. From both these, information is pulled together and a winner is chosen. Let's go **#TeamEbrington**

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- ✚ Family Quiz 22 October, 7:00-8:00PM
- ✚ Dress up day (all donations to Children in Need) –Friday 25th October (last day before half-term)
- ✚ Halloween break – (Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November). First day back at school (Monday 4th November)
- ✚ Nursery Concerts-Tuesday 10th December (N2 9:30, N1 10:45)
- ✚ P1 & P2 Concerts-Thursday 5th December (time-morning-tbc)
- ✚ P3 & P4 Concerts-Friday 6th December (time-morning-tbc)
- ✚ School Carol Service-Friday 20th December (time-morning-tbc)