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## September 2019 Newsletter

Dear Parent,

### Traffic

As we settle it into the school year, I am keen to remind all parents and carers of the need to maintain the school grounds as a **safe place** for the children and adults who are walking, and to be a **good neighbour** within our surrounding area. At present the volume of traffic within the school grounds at key times is causing some difficulties.

The safety of the children is paramount and a small effort made by everyone will help. This may mean walking slightly further from a sensible parking space- it is likely that you will spend much longer caught up in traffic within the grounds than you would spend walking in.

It is **vital** that the grounds are a **safe place**, and that deliveries, services, school buses and emergency vehicles can have **access** as needed. **Please do not park on the roadway, zebra crossing, bus zone or turning circle.**

Please **do not** drive into the grounds at our busy times- 9am, 11.30am, 2pm, and 3pm.

Pedestrians should walk inside the green fence area. Thank you for your assistance in maintaining the safety of the children.

## Sustrans Active Travel Programme: Bike to School Week: 23<sup>rd</sup>~ 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019



During the last 2 years we have participated in the very successful Sustrans Active Travel Programme, which enables schools to provide a programme of activities to get more children walking, cycling and scooting to school. Not only do the children benefit from the physical activity but it can also have a positive impact on their mental health and well-being.

To date we have had some great events and activities with incredible participation from the whole school community and we have been fortunate to achieve a bronze award for our efforts. We are now working towards our silver award and hope that this year's event will help us achieve this. We begin the year with **"Bike to School Week"** and we hope as many children as possible will bike and scoot to school during the week. We will hopefully be able to share lots of photos of children cycling and scooting to school on our website and Facebook page.

### 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Photograph

A whole-school photograph will be taken by Tempest Photography on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September. All pupils should be in full school uniform on this day.

### Credit Union



Flyers for the Credit Union will be distributed to all classes next week. Anyone who is interested in opening a Credit Union account will have the opportunity to do so. Collections occur once a week through school for those who have an account. Many save just a small amount but find that over the course of a school year this can quickly accumulate. The Credit Union also have a number of competitions through the year.

### School Development Day: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2019

School will be closed for all pupils for a Staff Development Day (only teachers to attend) next Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September.

**Whole School Harvest Assembly will take place on 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2019.**



This year, in an effort to reduce our use of paper, we will be putting Dinner Menus directly onto our school website and Facebook page. As the year progresses we would further hope to put newsletters and reminders onto the website too. Parents are reminded that if you download the Schools NI app to your phone, messages and reminders will come directly. We appreciate your help and support with this drive to be more environmentally aware.

Yours faithfully,

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Principal

