



Dromara Primary School



12th October 2020



Parent-Teacher Interviews

Parents' interviews will not take place this autumn as informed in the September newsletter.

Instead:

- **Before Halloween holiday**, you will receive your child's class tests for your perusal over half term. These should be signed and returned to school after the break.
- **After Halloween**, parents will receive a short report of their child's progress so far this year. These will be sent home on Monday 9th and should be signed and returned by Friday 13th November. If a teacher has any concerns about your child's progress etc, you will be contacted by telephone. Please take it that no news is good news!

IEPs

For those children who have IEPs, parents will receive new IEPs week commencing Monday 19th October. Other information will be contained with the IEPs.

VERY IMPORTANT - Emergency Home Learning Packs

As mentioned in the September newsletter, we are putting together work packs for each child, should a class need to self-isolate or the school have to close. Hopefully, these will not be required for such circumstances and we will be able to use them later in the year for general learning and homework.



We have asked each parent (**Years 3 – 7 only**) to contribute £5 towards these packs. This is because we have bought in commercially produced materials to support your child's learning. Thank you to all those who have sent the money in already. If you haven't already done so, please send £5 with your child in a clearly marked envelope with your child's name and amount by **Tuesday 13th October**. We plan to send the packs home in preparation for a closure – we do not wish to wait until a closure happens in case it occurs over a weekend and pupils are not back at school, therefore we would like to get them sent home as soon as the material is delivered to school. **It will be too late to ask for a pack should these circumstances arise.** Thank you for your help.

Year 1 – 3 collection times

Having reviewed collection arrangements, in order to assist with better social distancing for parents; **from Wednesday 14th October, Y1 should be collected from 1.45pm.** Y2 and Y3 will continue to be collected at the usual times (Y2 – 1.55pm daily; Y3 – 3.00pm on Mondays and Tuesdays and 1.55pm Wednesday – Friday).



Halloween Non-Uniform Day – Friday 23rd October

Although we will be unable to run the Halloween parties in their usual evening format, the teachers have decided that they don't want the children to miss out on the fun that they look forward to so much at this time of year. Therefore, we will run the Year 1-4 parties in school on Friday 23rd October, with the classes operating separately within their class 'bubbles'. Years 1-4 will be timetabled for the hall and will play party games and have refreshments. Year 5-7 will have a small party in their own classrooms. All children can come to school in fancy dress (it doesn't have to be a Halloween costume) or own clothes. Please send in £2 with your child prior to the 23rd October – thank you.

Please remember to send in any items for the class hampers by Friday 16th October. Hamper tickets go on sale on Wednesday 14th October, 50p a strip.



Royal British Legion

This year, to allow for quarantine, the Legion have made up individual bags with various items for the pupils, cost £2. We also have a variety of metal pins at £3 – ‘2020 poppy’, ‘poppy and shamrock’ and ‘VE75’. Numbers are limited and items will be on sale until 6th November.

