

## **Derwen News September 19**

### **Macmillan Coffee Fundraiser**

#### **MacMillan Coffee and Cake - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September.**

**You are all welcome to join us on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September as we hold our annual MacMillan Coffee and Cake Fundraiser.**

**We would be very grateful for any donations of cakes that we can sell during the day (homemade or shop bought). If you can help support this event by donating some cakes, please drop them off at school from Thursday September 25<sup>th</sup> (shop bought) and Friday morning September 26<sup>th</sup> for homemade.**

**Please also help us by environmentally friendly by bringing along your own reusable coffee mugs if you have them. We will have some cups for those who do not have one!**

**The coffee sessions will take place in the school hall and your child can be released from class to join you if you wish.**

**Nursery to Year 2 – Arrive between 9am and 10am  
Year 3 to 6 – Arrive between 10.15am and 11.15am**

**If you have a child in both key stages, then you may attend at the most convenient time for you.**

**If your child has a food allergy, please could you send them with their own cake as we cannot take responsibility for cakes that are made outside of school.**

**We are looking forward to welcoming you into the school and for helping us raise some much-needed funds for a fantastic cause.**

### **Medical Issues**

**Some children are being sent to school with medication such as Calpol in their school bags. Oral medicines etc. are not allowed on school premises and cannot be administered by staff except in exceptional circumstances when children need vital medication prescribed by a doctor during School hours on an on-going basis.**

**Parents should contact the Headteacher so that special arrangements can be made.**

**Parent may come into school to administer medication providing you let the appropriate staff know in advance.**

**If your child has a specific medical condition requiring medication, please contact the Headteacher. You will appreciate that medicines in School can constitute a danger to other children.**

**Thank you**

### **Diarrhoea and vomiting illness**

**We have already had a number of pupils miss school with sickness and diarrhoea. Please be aware and follow national guidelines if your child has Diarrhoea and/or vomiting by keeping your child away from school for 48 hours from last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting. This greatly helps stop the spread of this illness to other pupils and staff.**

### **Swimming lessons At Derwen** **Years 3 to 6**

**We are currently reviewing swimming lessons for KS2 pupils as costs are continuing to rise. To give parents an idea, a 6-week course would cost approximately £45 per child, and a 4-week course around £30 per child. These figures are based on all pupils attending.**

**In the past, the school has subsidised the cost of swimming lessons for all pupils to help bring the price down for families. Unfortunately, due to the increasing financial pressures on school budgets, we are no longer in a position to do this.**

**Another challenge we face is that when some families choose not to send their children to lessons, the overall cost for those who do attend becomes higher, and the school has to cover the shortfall.**

**We would really value your views before making any decisions for the year ahead. Please see the link below for a short survey**  
**Your**

**feedback will be vital in helping us plan carefully and make the best decision for both pupils and families.**

**Thank you for your support and understanding.**

**[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Ug4\\_TzS3ZEGUCRtgHRR5k0oOI6akSX9NixS1XQotqsRUQlo2NENRRVE1VzQyQjNQU0pZVDhVOUdFUy4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Ug4_TzS3ZEGUCRtgHRR5k0oOI6akSX9NixS1XQotqsRUQlo2NENRRVE1VzQyQjNQU0pZVDhVOUdFUy4u)**

**Can we kindly ask that all responses are returned by Wednesday September 24. Thank you if you have already completed this short survey (there is no need to do it again).**

### **Morning Arrival At School**

**Since the start of this term we have experienced a growing number of children arriving on the school grounds as early as 8.30am. Can I please remind parents that children should not be on the school premises before 8.45am. Children are expected to be punctual in order that work may begin on time. They should not, however, be sent to school too early as there will be no staff supervision on the yard until 8.45am each morning. Thank you for your support with this.**

### **Missing Books!**

**We are currently low on reading scheme books at school. Can you please have a look on your bookshelves etc to see if any of our books are still hiding in your homes? Thank you**

### **Dates For The Term Ahead**

#### **September**

- **Friday 26 - MacMillan Coffee Morning**
- **Sunday 28 – School Choir singing at the Harvest Service in Kinnerton Church**
- **Monday 29 – Harvest service with Rev Hannah**

- **Tuesday 30 – FODS AGM @ 6.30pm in the school**

### **October**

- **Monday 13 – Parents Evening**
- **Tuesday 14 – Parents Evening**
- **Tuesday 21 – FODS Spooky Disco (Change of date!)**
- **Friday 24 – Training Day - School closed to pupils**
- **Friday 24 – Break for Half Term**

### **November**

- **Monday 3 – School Open**
- **Tuesday 11 – Remembrance Service (Bell @ 11am)**
- **Wednesday 19 – Flu Vaccinations PM for pupils in Reception to Year 6**
- **Wednesday 26 – FODS Christmas Fair**

### **December**

- **Thursday 4 – Christmas Concert – Nursery & Reception AM**
- **Friday 5 – OAP Christmas Concert AM**
- **Monday 8 – Christmas Concert – Years 1,2 & 3 @ 2pm & 6pm**
- **Tuesday 9 – Christmas Concert – Years 5 & 6 @ 2pm & 6pm**
- **Wednesday 10 - Christmas Dinner Day**
- **Friday 19 – School Closed for Christmas at the end of the school day**