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School News Update

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Dear Parents

- Sincere congratulations to our Boys Football Team for their terrific achievement in the Conor Esler Tournament on Sunday past. They excelled themselves on the day – great credit is due to all who coached/trained the team to such a high standard.
- We plan to launch the annual Shoebox Appeal next week- this year we are supporting “Newry helping the Homeless”- a representative will launch the initiative on Monday morning next at assembly.
- We have finalised the purchase of the ‘Grow in Love’ Resources for all classes. The arrangements regarding cost are as follows:
P1-P4: Workbook -£7
P5-P7: Textbooks need to be purchased at a cost of £11.65, these are retained by the school for future use, as such we would welcome a contribution of £3 per child to offset the initial costing. If your P5-P7 child has already sent in £7, £4 will be reimbursed to you following the Halloween break. Please contact your child’s teacher with any queries in this regard.
- Arrangements for P7 Transfer Preparation Day on the 31st October in the Parochial Hall are as follows.
Please drop your child off at the Parochial Hall 9-910am. The Mock Test will begin **promptly at 9:15am**. Please send in a small break and lunch. I would appreciate offers of help with supervision on Thursday 9:15-10:30 am, 10:30-12:00 noon, 12 noon – 1:00pm or 1-2 pm. Please contact Mrs Brownlow. The children will be ready for pick up at 2:30pm.
- We are delighted with the support from All State - led by parents Mr and Mrs Mc Carron. They will lead a team of colleagues on Friday to carry out a number of key tasks around the school. Also, our thanks to Mrs Toner who has kindly volunteered to help with supervision in the Mobile Library fortnightly.
- We presume you have met *Charlie* and *Sophie* in the Car Park at this stage. They have been supplied by the local Policing Partnership to help remind users regarding safe parkin .
- Plans appear to be underway regarding the resurfacing of the ‘Field’ by DE- I will keep you updated.
- The final submission date for the Christmas Card Project is midnight on Friday 25th October.
- Instrumental Tuition Fees are now due i.e. before the Halloween break. See Miss Walsh’s recent letter
- Renowned author and professional actress Ms Sarah Gilbert will lead a five week ‘Tapping the way to Emotional Wellbeing’ programme for P3-P5 classes entitled *Little Sunflower*. Each class will have a separate workshop and the cost for the five week is £5. The programs will start next Tuesday 29th October (during school).
- P4-P5 are learning the Recorder with Mr Barry Murphy every Monday. They need a recorder which can be bought for £5.50

Yours sincerely

Mrs M Ryan

