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Monday 24 October 2022

Harvest Thanksgiving Appeal 2022

We have again liaised with the Carrickfergus Foodbank (CFB) and are proud to have supported this vital cause as part of our Harvest Thanksgiving Appeal 2022. All donated items were collected by Carrickfergus Foodbank. Alex from CFB joined us in our Harvest Assembly on **Wednesday 19 October 2022** and expressed her gratitude for the school's generosity. We also want to express our thanks to you for your continued parental support at a time when so many are finding the cost of living so challenging.

Parent/teacher Interviews

We are looking forward to conducting our first set of parent/teacher interviews for this academic year. All pupils will finish at **1pm** from **Monday 24 – Friday 28 October 2022** to facilitate these arrangements. We hope you find these interviews useful and informative. It will be wonderful to welcome you back into our school building.

Pumpkin carving at Oakfield

Our school council have come up with a fun idea for a pumpkin carving display. Pupils may carve their own pumpkin at home and bring it to school on **Tuesday 25 October 2022**. All carved pumpkins will be displayed in our assembly hall and prizes will be awarded for the winning designs on **Wednesday 26 October 2022** at our whole school assembly. This competition is open to all pupils. Please write your name on a page to be displayed alongside your carved pumpkin.

Autumn half term holiday

Oakfield Primary School & Nursery Unit will be closed from **Monday 31 October until Friday 4 November 2022** for Autumn half-term and will re-open on **Monday 7 November 2022 @** normal times. We wish you all a safe and enjoyable half term break.

Open Morning – Saturday 3 December 2022

Following the success of last year's Open Morning, we will again be holding this event on **Saturday 3 December 2022** from 10.00am – 12.30pm for all prospective Nursery Unit and P1 parents and pupils for September 2023. Please spread the word about our Open Morning details in the local community to ensure our enrolment numbers continue to thrive, it is always a fun morning!

Nursery Unit - P4 Christmas Shows

Our Nursery Unit and P1 – 4 Christmas plays will be held on **Wednesday 7 and Friday 9 December 2022**. The running order will be as follows:

Nursery Unit @ 9.30am
P1 Miss Bill & P1/2 Miss McIlwaine @ 10.00am
P2 Mrs Kirkpatrick & P3 Mrs Graham @ 10.30am
P4 Mrs Barrow & P4 Miss Gilmour @ 11.00am

We are delighted to welcome parents back into our school assembly hall to enjoy these performances. However, we need to highlight some guidance for you to consider if you are joining us on one of these mornings.

Do not attend if you have Covid symptoms such as a high temperature.

Numbers will be restricted, and you will be required to book/nominate which day you will be attending.

More details to follow via Seesaw.

Previously, we would have encouraged parents to stay for the entire morning, but on this occasion, we would request that you only attend the performance in which your child is involved.

In the week beginning Monday 5 December 2022, if any of our classes involved in the Christmas shows have a significant number of pupils testing positive for Covid, we may need to cancel these performances at short notice.

KS2 Christmas Carol Service

Our Primary 5 to Primary 7 classes will be taking part in a KS2 Carol Service at Joymount Presbyterian Church on the evening of **Thursday 15 December 2022 @ 7pm**. More details will follow after half term, but for now please put this date in your diary as we are planning for all our P5-P7 children to be involved.

G. McCluskey / Y. Moore

School Information for Parents: Oakfield Designated Teacher for Child Protection
 Primary School - Miss L. Gilmour Nursery Unit - Mrs K. Wylie