



## CHAPEL ROAD PS

## OCTOBER NEWS



05/10/2021

Dear parent/guardian

I hope everyone is well. As always we have been super busy at school with work and play. The days are just flying by and we are thankful for our good health and friends.

I wanted to share some October news and holiday reminders with you.

### We welcome PATHS to CRPS

We are excited about beginning our PATHS journey. The staff and children will be supported by a PATHS coach and we hope to educate the whole school community in how to use the PATHS strategies in our daily lives. We are hoping to see and hear the staff and children use the language of PATHS to help regulate behaviour and bring about positive resolutions to any relationship and social issues that arise. We are at the very beginning of this journey so we will share more about it as we go along. You can ask the children to tell you all about it too.

You can find out more by visiting the website but here is a quick summary below.

<https://www.barnardos.org.uk/what-we-do/services/paths>

The PATHS Programme for Schools is a universal schools programme for 4-11 year olds which empowers all children to develop the fundamental social and emotional learning skills which will enable them to make positive choices throughout life. The PATHS Programme promotes positive mental health and emotional well-being in schools and is delivered through support from Barnardo's in primary schools across the UK.

### PARENT-TEACHER MEETINGS

Our parent-teacher meetings will take place on the following days:

- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October-3.15pm-4.30pm
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October -3.15pm-4.00pm
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October-3.15pm-6.00pm

The class teacher will email you to arrange the time and day that suits best. These meetings will take place via Microsoft Teams.

In order to accommodate everyone these meetings should take no more than 10 minutes. If you have a specific issue or concern that may take longer please contact the teacher for an alternative appointment where you will have more time and not feel rushed. Some parents have already met with the class teacher so you do not need to attend this meeting unless you wish to do so. If you have specific questions you wish to raise with the teacher, you can email these prior to the meeting as this may be more productive. Also please check your junk mail if you have not heard from the class teacher over the next few days.

### PHOTOGRAPHS



#### PRIMARY 1 CLASS PHOTO

The Derry Journal photographer will visit P1 on Friday this week **8<sup>th</sup> October** to take the group photo for the paper.

#### INDIVIDUAL & FAMILY PHOTOS

The school photographer will be in school on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October** to take individual and family photos.

## OCTOBER READ-A-THON



Our P5, P6 and P7 children are participating in an October READ-A-THON. Let's get everyone reading as many words and books as possible. Reading opens up a world of learning for us all.

## REMINDER SCHOOL CLOSURE

School will be closing at **12 noon** on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** for our Halloween holidays. Children return to school on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021**. Please make a note of these holidays.

## FRIDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER- HALLOWEEN FANCY DRESS

We have missed our annual fancy dress parade due to COVID so we are very much looking forward to having some Halloween fun on the 22<sup>nd</sup> October. If your child wishes, he/she can come to school dressed in their Halloween costume. We understand that not all children enjoy this type of activity or a change to their routine so do not feel obliged to take part.

## SCHOOL WEBSITE

[www.chapelroadps.co.uk](http://www.chapelroadps.co.uk)

Over the last few years we have continued to reduce our carbon footprint in school. Our school website has been one of the most successful strategies in helping us to reduce waste. It has allowed us where possible, to communicate with our school community without the use of paper copies.

This does mean that we need you to have the Schools NI App downloaded or access to emails. The website has many useful functions and allows us to send public and private messages to you digitally. It is much more efficient and effective in terms of reaching everyone. Similar to other Apps, you do occasionally need to update notifications and open the app often so that you do not miss key messages from us.

If you are having any difficulties with access you can contact ourselves or indeed the Schools NI App has a function where you can contact the website provider who are always very helpful.

Quite often I will send a private message to a class group so that everyone is not bombarded with messages that are not relevant to their child/children and also the content may not always be for public access. I have added some information below about this and would encourage you to set this up. If you think you are not verified or do not receive these private messages, then please do let us or the website provider know.



### Receive Private Messages

The school would like to be able to send you private messages via the Schools NI App.

Example App message

### Become verified...

You will receive an SMS text message. It will have a link to download/open app.

TAP THE LINK to verify you for receiving private messages.

You'll get this SMS message

