OCTOBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

Our first month is over – and fairly hectic it proved to be! We are delighted at how well everyone has settled into school and how hard the children are working. We hope you're really getting an insight into class work thanks to the See-Saw app. Here is some further information for October.

With the ever increasing demands made upon the school budget, our **School Fund** has become **vital** in supplementing the finances that the school can work with. **Each family is invited to contribute £40 for the year, or £14 per term**. In addition, we have requested £7 towards our text / Electronic communication systems per family. I would be most grateful if this could be given to the class teacher of the eldest child before **Friday 12th October**.

To date, there are only 22 children whose parents have not downloaded the Parentmail App.

Please help us cut down on paper notes & circulars by moving to our electronic system. Money saved will go to improve the equipment & resources for your child, and parents will have an electronic note of important information for reference.

We will be having our annual visit from the **M&M theatre group**, who will be performing **Peter Pan** on Monday 9th. The group was extremely well received last year when they came to Crawfordsburn with Beauty and the Beast. In order to help fund this, we would ask for a donation of **£4** per child, sent in to class teachers please with the slip below.

Harvest assembly this year will be on Wednesday 24 October. Our student council has suggested that we support the North Down Store House, which is a foodbank assisting those in hardship. A comprehensive list of items is available on their website, http://storehousenorthdown.com/. We would invite each family to perhaps donate some of the following items e.g; some Jars of jam, baby food, pasta sauce; Tins – tomatoes, tuna, tinned meats, rice, soup, baked beans etc. This clearly reinforces the PD& MU themes we are sharing with the children throughout the year.

We have noticed that a number of younger children are seemingly unsupervised by parents at the end of the day when waiting to collect older children. Children are not permitted to climb trees in school grounds, nor to throw apples at each other! Your support in this matter would be appreciated. Ball games are also discouraged to prevent injuries to younger pupils and parents alike.

Dogs are not permitted in school grounds at any time, for health & safety reasons.

We would also request that once younger pupils have been dropped off, or escorted into the school playground in the mornings, that **parents do not linger**, as this is causing **avoidable congestion at the gate**. Teachers are on duty, and we would respectfully ask parents and carers not to linger unnecessarily.

Please also note that the toilet at the main entrance is for **staff and disabled use only**.

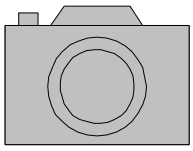
Thank you to everyone who attended our year group meetings recently. We trust this enabled you to experience your child's working environment. For those who were not able to attend, basic information given out at these meetings was sent home on Parentmail. Additional ideas & support are available to download from the school website at **www.crawfordsburnps.com**

Also on the website is our school calendar with important dates, such as nativity plays and the carol service.

From the office – thank you to everyone who has helped the smooth administration of money. Please continue to send money into school in clearly marked envelopes with your child's name, amount and reason for the money. **Each pupil** should be sent with the correct dinner money – not just the eldest in the family. Remember dinners cost £2.60 & cheques payable to EA (SE Region).

We would like to remind pupils that the Play-trail outside the P1 area and the equipment in the Bright Sparks playground should **not be in use before school**. We would ask that parents reinforce this message and supervise children accordingly.

Don't forget that some families are entitled to **Free School Meals** – so please contact the office to ensure this is processed and in this way our school budget is maximised.
Also please remember that school is a **"nut free" environment** – so think carefully about your child's break and packed lunch. Remember our **"Healthy Eating"** policy with no fizzy drinks.



Jude, our school photographer, will be in school on **Monday 8th October** to take individual and family photographs from Bright Sparks up to P7. If you have younger children at home and wish them to be included in a family photograph, please bring them to the assembly hall in school at 8.45am where photos will be taken on a first come, first served basis. Please ensure full school uniform is worn as usual.

Finally, just a reminder about October:
-We will be **closed for half term on Mon 29 October to Fri 2 November inc.**

-Our **Book Fair** will run the week of 15 October, information to follow!

-Parent interviews will be in the afternoons of the week Mon 15 – Fri 19 Oct, and school will **close at 12.30pm for all children** on those days. Some evening interviews will also be available on **Wednesday 17 Oct**. Please note after school clubs will not run that week.

Mr I A Sullivan
Acting Principal

Please print out the attached reply / payment slips below. Thank you.

Peter Pan PANTOMIME

I enclose £4 per child towards the cost of the pantomime: Total of £ ☐

Child's Name ____ Class _____________________

Signed ____ Date _____________________

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TEXT / Electronic Communication SYSTEM - OCTOBER 2018

I enclose £7 towards the text messaging system. ☐

Child's/Family Name ____ Class _______________

Signed ____ Date _______________

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SCHOOL FUND 2018/19

I enclose £40 for the year ☐ <u>or</u> **£14 for Term 1** ☐ **for School Fund.**

Family name _________________ Class _______________ Signed __________________________

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