

St. John's Primary School - Newsletter

22nd November 2023

INDUSTRIAL STRIKE ACTION – HALF DAY CLOSURE

As you may already be aware, all the teaching unions in Northern Ireland have called for a third (half) day of industrial strike action on **Wednesday 29th November**. As all our teachers will be involved in this action and unavailable to work, **the school will be closed for all pupils until 12 noon**. School dinners will be served as normal on this day.

SUSTRANS – DITCH THE DARK DAY

After a successful application to Sustrans, St. John's has been selected to join the Active School Travel Programme for this school year. As a result, a Sustrans Schools officer will work closely with the school completing assemblies and workshops to encourage more pupils to make active, healthy journeys to school. Last week the KS2 pupils received a workshop on the history of the bicycle and the benefits of cycling. Our next theme is raising awareness of safe travel to school as the days remain dark. **Therefore, we are holding a Ditch the Dark day on Thursday 30th November**. Children are encouraged to walk to school in bright, shiny and *if possible* reflective clothes.



NON-UNIFORM DAY

Friday 24th November is a Parent Support Group non-uniform day. Children are asked to bring £1.00 as a contribution to school funds – Thank-you in advance!

ENTRANCE EXAM

Good luck to the P7 children who are sitting the second SEAG Entrance Assessment on **Saturday 25th November**.

PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS (P1-P6)

We are looking forward to the Parent/Teacher Meetings which will take place in the upcoming weeks. **Reminder:** the school will be closed on **Friday 1st December** to support the facilitation of Parent/Teacher Meetings.

CHRISTMAS DATES

- P1 & P2 Christmas Play - **Wednesday 6th December @ 11am in the school hall**.
- P3, P4, P5, P6 & P7 Christmas Pageant – **Thursday 14th December @7pm in St. John's Church**

FLU VACCINATION

The Nursing Team will be in school on **Monday 27th November** to administer the flu vaccination to those children who have written parental consent.