

# Newsletter Strandtown PS



October 2018

## CORE

**Half Term: Fri**  
**26th Oct at**  
**12:45pm**  
**Return to School:**  
**Tues 6th**  
**November 2018**

## Dear Parents,

Many thanks to all our Strandtown families for your wonderful support of the Shoebox appeal and Storehouse collection. The children and staff have worked so hard this term & are ready for some rest & relaxation. I wish you all a 'spooketacular' half term break. V Hutchinson

Internet Safety  
FOR Families



## E-Safety/Online Behaviour

We are delighted to be hosting an information session on the **Wednesday 14th November**. This has been initially opened to parents in Year 5-7, however if spaces remain Year 4 parents will also be included.

## Building Update

Our building work is progressing to plan. We are commencing ordering of new tables & chairs!! Thank you for your ongoing co-operation around access arrangements. **Could I remind you only to drive onto the school site after 4PM if absolutely necessary.** There is not the space to accommodate many cars at extra-curricular collections.

## Parent Focus Group

Our Parent Focus Group met on the 8<sup>th</sup> October. An overview of this discussion is on the school website. As usual, this was a very insightful & beneficial collaborative experience.

## Parent Teacher Consultations

Thank you to all parents who have come to school this week for parent consultations. This is a very meaningful process & I hope you have found the sessions useful. Thank you to staff for facilitating late afternoon interviews.

## Extra-Curricular Clubs

Our extra-curricular programme is up & running. Please check our website for photographs & full details. We are delighted by the uptake from pupils to this full range of clubs. As you already know the level of whole staff commitment to extra-curricular in Strandtown is exceptional & unrivalled in any other primary school, a testament to our teachers' investment in enjoyable school experiences.

## School Fund

Our parental contributions have to date raised to £9,231.21. Many thanks to our Strandtown families for their generosity.

## Charity

During this last week of term we have been delighted to present a large quantity of food to Storehouse to distribute to those in need throughout Belfast. We also have been able to pass on over 200 shoeboxes to 'Samaritan's Purse' to distribute among children much less fortunate than ourselves. Again, we are indebted to our pupils and parents for their continued generosity towards our school's charity work.

## PTA



Many thanks to everyone who came along & those who helped at the PTA BBQ, it was a great success. Many thanks to Shorts Recreational Club for allowing us to use their venue. The BBQ raised £1600.

Mad Hair Day was so much fun, such imagination & flair, check out the website for lots of photos. This raised £901.

Our next event is the junior disco on **Saturday 17 November**, information will be sent home after the Halloween break.

Our fundraising target for this school year is £25000. We have a full calendar of events planned, see the PTA section of the school website for further details.

For this & all other news subscribe for PTA emails on [www.strandtown.co.uk](http://www.strandtown.co.uk)

## Diary Dates

- **E-Safety/Online Behaviour Workshop- 14<sup>th</sup> Nov 2018**
- **Junior Disco - 17<sup>th</sup> Nov 2018**
- **Year 4 Christmas Concert -**
- **5th & 6th Dec 2018 at 10:00-11:00am**