

# **Castledawson Primary School**

# Newsletter

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September

### Information Evening

Please bear in mind our information evening for all parents on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm. At this evening we share areas of focus for the year in curriculum areas and in pastoral areas as outlined in our School Development Plan. Each member of staff will share at this evening vital information to keep you well informed about school life and practice in CPS. You will also have an opportunity to ask any questions and have a chat over a coffee and biscuits!

# **Rules and Routines**

Over the past few weeks we have been working hard with our children to establish routines that ensure classroom time is maximized learning time for all and allows everyone to feel secure and happy.

Thank you for supporting us in this. We have condensed our school rules to three easily remembered rules:

- 1. Be ready
- 2. Be responsible

#### 3. Be respectful

From these rules we have drawn up class rules with our children which are positively taught so children know how they matter and underpin the safety and happiness of everyone in our school community.

# School and Eco Council

Classes have been voting for council members...school council have been announced and Eco council will be announced this week. We also have digital leaders appointed which will enhance the development of ICT in our school. Our first class council will be held this week and this will involve naming our new sensory room.

## Sponsored Walk

Our sponsored Walk for Autism NI will take place on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October in Polepatrick Park. Details have been sent out and this is a really worthwhile cause to raise money for.

#### Uniform

Please ensure all uniform is clearly labelled. Quite a few pieces are left behind daily and it makes it difficult to return the uniform to the rightful owner without names! Please also remember that school uniform is black shoes daily with trainers brought into school for the daily mile. PE uniform may be worn on swimming and PE days. Girls' uniform is also grey skirt/ pinafore. I realise some girls wear trousers and I have been informed of this - if there is a reason your child cannot wear our school uniform as set out, please let me know. We set a standard in all areas of school life and school uniform is just another area. It is important all children feel fairness exists.

#### **Parent Volunteers**

We are excited about having parents on board in various areas of school life whether helping in curriculum areas, accompanying classes on outings etc. We are desperate for any parents to donate an hour of their time in the coming weeks to help us give the front of the school a facelift! We are hoping to paint the wall on the drive up to the school and would appreciate as much help as possible – even if painting experience is limited! We are hoping to paint it white then the children will have a base for the mural they will create as part of our 50 celebrations throughout the year. More details will follow with time and date and where you can express interest if you wish. Thank you as always for your ongoing support and dedication to our school.