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*While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease." Gen 8*

17<sup>th</sup> October 2016

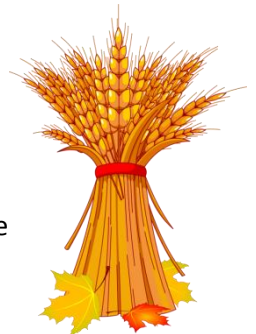
Dear Parents,

### **Parent/Teacher Consultations**

Interviews will be held tomorrow and on Thursday. I trust you have received an appointment to meet with your child's teacher. **Please note that school finishes at 12pm for all pupils on both days.** The bus will pick up at school at 12.10pm approximately.

### **Harvest Services**

Our annual Harvest Thanksgiving services will be held next **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October. Two services will be held during the day – the first at 10.00am and the second at 1.00pm.** All children will be taking part in both services and should last for just over an hour each time. Hopefully, we will be able to accommodate everyone wishing to attend our services – to book a place, please visit the school website at <http://thediamondps.weebly.com/harvest-service-bookings.html> - places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. If you cannot sign up via the website, please just give us a call at school to book a place.

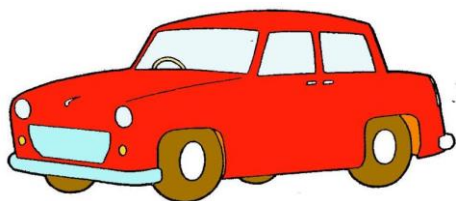


**Please note that all children will finish school at 3.00pm on the day of Harvest services, however parents attending the afternoon service may take children home at the end if this is suitable. All children should bring a packed lunch to school on this day. Lunches will be provided for all children who are entitled to free school meals.**

### **Smarties Tubes**

Thank you so much to everyone who has returned a Smarties tube filled with 20p's. We are really grateful for the support you continue to give us as we raise funds for children's resources. We hope to have all of these collected by the end of this month.

### **Traffic and Parking**



It has become very clear to me over the last number of weeks that double parking on the road at pick-up times has caused considerable congestion and often frustration at the school gates. This is a matter that can really only be solved by those using the road. My primary concern is for the safety of our children at the gate so I would urge all parents to find a parking space at the roadside and walk to the wide footpath at the school fence to receive your children at pick-up times. Children should not have to walk between vehicles in order to access their own car. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

## Christmas Fair

Our annual Christmas Fair will take place **on Friday evening 9<sup>th</sup> December 7.00pm – 9.00pm**. If you or someone you know would be interested in setting up a stall or table on the night, please don't hesitate to contact me. Tables cost £20 for the evening. Please keep the date free and plan to join us – it's always a very enjoyable event.

## Christmas Carol Service

Our whole school Christmas concert this year takes the form of a Carol Service and will be held in 1<sup>st</sup> Ahoghill Presbyterian church on the **evening of Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**. Times and further details will follow at a later date.



## Cash for Clobber

Our next Cash for Clobber collection will be on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October**.

## Greenhill Residential Trip 2017

I am in the process of organising the P6 and P7 trip to Greenhill YMCA Outdoor Centre in Newcastle. The trip will be held from Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2017. For more information on this trip and photos from two years ago please visit the school website at <http://thediamondps.weebly.com/greenhill-trip-2017.html>

Please complete the online form on this web page to indicate whether or not your child/children will be attending this trip. If you cannot access the web page, just give me a call at school. The cost, depending on numbers, will be approximately £95 per child.

## Threshing Day

We are delighted that the annual Threshing Day at McKibbins' is being organised in support of The Diamond School funds this year. A huge thanks to the organisers for their kindness in this way. For this reason, can I encourage you to come along and support the event??!! See the flyer for more details...

## Accelerated Reader

We are always keen to add to our school library, so if you have any children's novels at home and you'd like to find a new home for them – we'd be very grateful for any donations!

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M Beattie".

M Beattie (Principal)

**KEEP THIS DATE FREE**  
**Vintage Rally and Threshing Day**

  
**Saturday 5th November 2016 from 11am**  
**at McKibbins**  
**12 Killyless Road Cullybackey**


**Be sure to come to this Special Day and see Corn Threshing exhibitions**  
**Stone Breaker at work**  
**Blacksmith, Steam Engines,**  
**Vintage Cars and Tractors**  
**Good Food, Good Craic, Good Music**  
**Support your local charities.**

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