### **Parking**

Please follow all signage to facilitate the safety of users and the smooth flow of traffic in the school carpark. Plans are progressing for a new traffic management system. I will keep you updated as these plans unfold.

Take care when parking at the Antiville gate. We have been informed that action may be taken against those who park on the yellow lines.

## Headlice

Headlice appear to become more prevalent during the Autumn and Winter months. To minimise spread, it is important that parents check their child's hair regularly. If hair is long enough to tie back, it must be tied back, in school. Parents should inform the school, immediately, if there is a case and treat the hair appropriately. An information letter will be issued to the class in this situation.

## Neuronimo

Please sign into the Neuronimo home link. Log in details will be provided by the class teacher.

More details can be found at

www.reversethetrend.org.uk

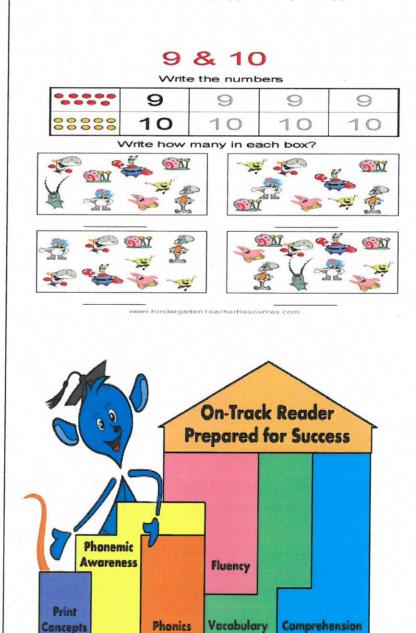
#### **Supporting Your Child's Learning**

Supporting your child's learning is vital in helping them fulfil their potential. As we return, following a significant period of upheaval due to the Coronavirus pandemic, it is more important than ever to encourage and support your child, at home.

Learning facts and tables is an essential part of your child's learning. Practicing sounds and tricky words, every day, is the best way to secure and embed this knowledge so your child can learn to read and spell with confidence and accuracy.

Learning number facts is essential. Addition and Subtraction facts and Multiplication tables must be known so your child can progress in Maths.

In school, children are taught the processes behind these facts and tables eg: sounding out unfamiliar words using phonic knowledge, repeated addition and skip counting but repetition, both in school and at home, is essential to helping your child move forward with their learning. We, in school, fully appreciate your support in this.





#### **October Events**

#### **Postponed First Penance**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> @10am in St Anthony's Church. P4 + 2 adults only. Children go home after ceremony.

#### **Parent – Teacher Meetings**

Week beginning 18th

1.15pm – 4pm. Please inform the class teacher, via Seesaw, whether you would prefer a meeting face-to-face or via phone call and any times you are unavailable. Teachers will endeavour to accommodate all parents' requests. Pupils finish at 1pm this week.

### **Family Pumpkin Competition**

All carved pumpkins to be in school during the week beginning 18<sup>th</sup>. Winner will be announced on Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup>. Prize – Family Cinema Pass.



# Attendance Matters

We are fortunate that poor attendance is not a significant issue, for the majority, in our school. The Educational Welfare Officer (EWO) collects attendance data on a monthly basis. Attendance below 85%, except in exceptional circumstances, prompts a referral to EWO services. Written confirmation of reason for absence must be brought to school on the day your child returns.

Punctuality is also important.

All children are expected to be in school by 9am.

Late arrivals enter via the main school entrance.

Late arrivals, 9am – 9.10am are recorded as (L) late for the morning session.

Arrivals after 9.10am are recorded as (U) absent for the morning session. This affects the overall attendance percentage.

### **Swimming**

Swimming for P6/7 takes place each Wednesday. Swimming is an integral part of the NI Curriculum for KS2. All pupils are expected to participate in all areas of the curriculum.



## October focus - Respect

## **Pupil of the Month**

# September focus – Courtesy

Primary One – Joseph

Primary Two – Sophia

Primary Three - Kaci

Primary Four – Isaac

Primary Five – Sebastian

Primary Six - Kyle

Primary Seven – Callan

Congratulations!

## No Pets Allowed

(except approved guide dogs)

While I appreciate many families have pets, they are not allowed on the school site due to health & safety policy and protocols. Our priority is the safety of our school community and we have a responsibility to minimise risk, where we can.