***Halloween News***

**Friday 28 October** Halloween disco and Dress Up day. Children can dress up for the day. School will close at 1.40 as usual.

At our school assembly on Friday we will be congratulating the children who have been to school every day in October and rewarding the class with the best overall attendance. Welcome to our new parish chaplin Fr Martin Hogan who will call in to say hello.

**Midterm Break** next week. School reopens Mon 7 November.

Olwen will be in touch through Class Dojo about the photoshoot for St Brigid’s 2023 Calendar. Each class will have a page on the calendar. The calendars are lovely presents for grandparents and relatives. They sold out last year, so get your orders in early.

**Book Fair** will take place in the hall from Wednesday 23 November. Children will be given a chance to browse and can buy a book if they want to. The book fair will be open to parents on Friday 25 November in the hall from 9.10 am. Santa keeps an order list at the book fair.

**Traffic at the gate**

We are appealing to ALL drivers to park responsibly and show respect to our lollipop lady Ellen. Ellen’s job is to help our children to cross the road safely. Please keep the zigzag lines and double yellow lines clear so that she can see that it is safe to cross.

Please respect our neighbours on Wellmount Avenue, Court and Cresecent. They need to be able to access their driveways at all times.

**What we have been learning in October:**

* We have been practising kindness. Well done to the kind hearts here in St Brigid’s.
* We celebrated *maths week*. The children enjoyed playing maths games with girls from the senior school and at home with their families. We have lots of maths equipment and games in the school which the children use every day.
* Senior Infants and First Classes have been making great progress with their guided reading. They will read over fifty books in the school year and you will be amazed at their progress if they practise regularly at home. Junior Infants are learning their nursery rhymes and letter sounds which will be the foundation of their reading.
* Children have been out and about in our school garden learning about autumn. The two Early Start classes have just visited the Botanic Gardens.
* All the first classes enjoyed the recent Open Day at Finglas Garda station.
* Parents have been learning art & craft and gardening. Ask Olwen or Jill for details.
* We post pictures on Dojo of all the class learning.

**In November, we remember**

In the month of November, we pause to remember our departed family members, friends and students, especially those who have died in the last year. May they rest in peace.