



Dear Parents/Carers,

This was an unexpectedly short week due to Storm Ophelia! Thank you for your understanding. Social Media proved a very effective means of communication. Please continue to visit our website ([www.buickmemorial.org](http://www.buickmemorial.org)) or Facebook page for up to date information.

### Harvest Service

On Thursday morning our P6 and P6/5 pupils performed incredibly well during our Harvest Service. Thank you to Rev. Gallagher who led the service and to Mrs Violet Buick for the beautiful flower arrangements.



### Nursery

Our Nursery children have now settled into their routines and are enjoying learning about autumnal changes in the world around them.



### Parental Questionnaires

Thank you to all parents that have returned their questionnaires to the school. Please continue to send these responses in before the Halloween holidays to allow the feedback to be collated. Thank you.

### Child Protection

If you have any concerns about your child's safety in school, you can speak to Mr Beattie (Designated Teacher for Child Protection) or to Mrs McCluggage (Deputy Designated Teacher). If you are still concerned you may contact the Acting Principal, Miss R Peters who oversees the Safeguarding Team within Buick Memorial Primary School. At any time, you may talk to a Social Worker at the Social Services Gateway Team on 0300 1234 333.

### Summer Concert DVD

Thank you to Mr Zach Willis who edited our Summer Concert DVD. These are now on sale from the school office for £3.

### One Pound Coins

Like all businesses, we no longer will be accepting the old £1 coins. Please ensure these are not sent into school. Thank you.

### Absence Notification Form

Parents have asked about what information needs to be put onto the absence notes. We have created a template which is on the website for your use. Please download and complete if your child is absent from school. Thank you.

### Parent Teacher Association Disco

Our Halloween Disco proved very popular with the pupils! Thank you to parents for the wonderful costumes and continued support at such events.



### Buick After School Programme

Please ensure your child has the correct clothing and water bottles with them for their activities:

Monday - Miniversity & Little Gladiators

Tuesday - Buick Ju-Jitsu & Choir (3pm - 3:45pm)

Wednesday - 1pm finish

Thursday - 1pm finish

Friday - 1pm finish

### Parental Interviews

Next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, pupils will finish at 1pm. This is to allow Parental Interviews to take place. During this meeting you will have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their class teacher. Please ensure you arrive on time for your appointment as teachers have a full schedule.

### In The Community

Parenting NI will be operating their Parents' Week from 23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> October. Please log on to [www.parentingni.org](http://www.parentingni.org) for tips on how to help your child reach their full potential.

As part of this, they will be holding a free Family Fun Day on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October from 10am - 1pm in Harryville Community Centre.

### Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> and Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October - Parental Interviews  
(\*Pupils finish each day at 1pm \*No buses available pm)

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October - P6 Roald Dahl Dress Up Day

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October - Harvest Hoedown Lunch in Dining Centre (**non-uniform**)

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November (inclusive) - Holidays

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November - Pupils return

Today our peripatetic woodwind and brass teacher, Mr Haggan, finished with us here in Buick. We would like to wish him all the very best in the future. Our new teacher Mr Alex McCubbin will begin with us next Friday.

Kind regards,

R. Peters (Acting Principal)