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**Hallowe’en Party**

This year our Hallowe’en celebrations will be a bit different.  We will not be playing any of the traditional Hallowe’en games like bobbing for apples or the flour game. The children may dress up on Friday 23rd October. We hope that the weather will be dry so that both classrooms can meet outside to have their Halloween fancy dress parade. Cones will be used to ensure that the two bubbles don’t mix. The children may bring a treat to eat in their lunchbox, however, they will not be allowed to share the food that they bring in with their classmates.

**Hallowe'en Competitions**

As we won’t be playing the usual Hallowe’en games, we thought we would introduce some fun optional competitions to encourage creativity. Each family is invited to bring in one carved pumpkin. Adult assistance with carving is allowed. These can be brought in any day from Monday 19th October onwards and they can bring them home on Friday 23rd October.

There will be a school Hallowe’en story writing competition. The senior pupils will be focusing on developing their spooky vocabulary in class next week and they will be writing their stories on Wednesday. Some of them may need to finish them for homework. There will be a prize for the best story in 3rd & 4th class, the best story in 5th & 6th class, the best story in 1st and 2nd class and the best story in junior and senior infants. The infants will be telling their stories rather than writing them.

There will also be a colouring competition. Participation in all of these competitions will be optional.

**Clothes collection**

The clothes collection is due to take place on Wednesday 21st October and at present it is still due to go ahead. They accept men’s clothing, women’s clothing, children’s clothing, curtains, towels, sheets, paired shoes, handbags, belts, blankets and soft toys. They do not accept pillows, duvets, fabrics or cut-off materials. Donations can be left in the shelter from Monday 19th – Wednesday 21st October.

**School Opening Time**

The school welcomes pupils from 8:40am each morning. Please do not drop your children any earlier. If the teachers are there early, it is to prepare work for the day, not to supervise children.