**Ballymoney National School,**

**Ballineen,**

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 **22nd October 2020**

**Dear Parents,**

**Bottle Top Mural**

We are planning an art project later this year which will require a few thousand plastic bottle lids. We would like plastic bottle lids of every colour and size. Please could you collect them and send them into school instead of putting them into the recycling bin? Given the number that we will need, it will take some time to collect enough. We will have large bins that they can be placed into in the PE shed to store them.

**Clothes Collection**

Thank you for your donations of clothes for the clothes collection. We gathered 256kg of clothes.

**School Garden**

The senior classroom have harvested some of their spinach leaves today. If any of you live within 5km of the school and happen to be walking past during midterm, we would appreciate it if you could water the plants in the tunnel.

**Hallowe'en**

* Attached is a document which has some alternative Halloween activities to trick or treating that might be useful this year.
* The children have been very enthusiastically colouring for the colouring competition on Friday. We are enjoying seeing the carved pumpkins coming in each morning and some very spooky stories have been written for the story writing competition!
* They may dress up on Friday. Please only send props if they are an essential part of their costumes. They should not allow any other pupil to touch the props. They may bring in a treat in their lunchbox. However they will not be sharing their treats.

**PTA meeting**

There will be a short PTA meeting on Wednesday 4th November on zoom. A link to the meeting will be sent to you that day. All parents are welcome to attend. Some years we have a coffee morning on the first day back to welcome the new parents. This wasn't possible and many families may not have met each other yet this school year. If there are any items which you would like addressed at the meeting, please inform a teacher, Niamh Kelly (Chairperson) or Emma Sullivan (Secretary).

**School re-opening**

Thank you all for helping us to keep the school safe by adhering to the guidelines and keeping your children at home when they are unwell. Please check your child's pencil case over the holidays to check that they have everything that they need - pencils, colouring pencils, eraser, sharpener, ruler. The senior classroom also need a fountain pen, an eraser pen and spare ink cartridges. The children no longer share their items with their peers so each child needs their own supply. We wish you a relaxing mid-term and look forward to welcoming your children back on Monday 2nd November.

Kind regards,

Shireen