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## ***Braidside Integrated Primary and Nursery School***

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1989- 2019: 30 Years of Integration***

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

As we begin the half-term break, I would like to thank you all for your support and cooperation since we returned to school in September. The children have settled well into the new school year and routines have become established. The classrooms continue to be happy, relaxed and busy learning environments. We are looking forward to ending this half-term with a non-uniform day tomorrow and hope the children have enjoyed visiting "Pumpkin Patch".

Thank you to everyone who supported and contributed to our Harvest Collection for the Trussel Trust. We have been inundated with donations and overwhelmed again by the generosity of the Braidside families. Thank you!

Over the past 8 weeks, it has been encouraging to see a number of school activities recommence including morning reading club, P3 club, violin lessons, singing lessons (for P4+) and Well-being Wednesday activities. It has been really lovely to have the Breakfast Club launch as well. A short video clip is on our school website if you would like to get an idea of how breakfast club works. We would be delighted to welcome any other children who may be interested after half-term.



After half-term, we will return to school on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November and we will have the **Annual Book Fair (10<sup>th</sup>~ 17<sup>th</sup> Nov)** to look forward to. This will take place across the usual 2-3 days and key dates and information will be shared prior to Book Fair commencing. The children always enjoy Book Fair and having the opportunity to browse and select a new book.



A few other activities we will look forward to after half-term include the restart of **Shared Education with our partner school Buick Memorial PS in Cullybackey**. This year will be our final year in the programme and although we are unlikely to have face-to-face meetings initially, we hope that towards the end of the year this may be possible. Our P1 to P3 classes will participate this year and teachers will send out further information following an initial planning day in early November.

**Other dates for your diary:**

4<sup>th</sup> November: Outdoor Classroom day

12<sup>th</sup> November: World Kindness Day (with fundraiser for NI Children's Hospice)

15<sup>th</sup>- 19<sup>th</sup> November: Anti-Bullying Week

24<sup>th</sup> November: Official Opening and Celebration of New School (further information will follow in due course).

As you can see we have a busy half-term to follow and that's before we reach December and all the activities that brings!

As always I would encourage you to keep up to date with school information via the website, school app and Facebook page. The class pages on the website have lots of updates and pictures from this half-term.

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable half term break,

*J McAuley*

Principal