



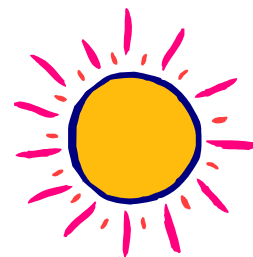
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NEWSLETTER - JUNE 2021



Dear Parents,

On behalf of the staff, I would like to thank you all for your support during this school year. It has been challenging once again for many, but I am so proud of how our Dundela family has worked together and supported each other throughout this year.

Outdoor Provision

We are delighted with our new outdoor provision and the children have been gaining so much from this wonderful learning area. Thank you for your donations towards our allotment and thanks to all the staff for the hard work and effort they have put in to making our outdoors such a magical place for our children to experience daily.

Sponsored Walk & Miss Dornan's 60 Miles In May

I would also like to thank you all again for your extremely generous donations given to our school for our sponsored event. You have raised a phenomenal £4282 and the whole Dundela team is so grateful to you all. The money will be used to enhance provision for your child and will make a huge difference to the school. I am absolutely astonished by your kindness and generosity, what amazing families we have!

Thanks also to the wonderful Miss Dornan who ran 60 miles in May and raised an amazing **£1310** for our school through her just giving page.



June Treats

Primary 3 Graduation

There will be an outside Graduation Celebration for our Primary 3 leavers on Friday 25th June at 1.40pm. Parents are invited to come to school from 2.40pm. Please socially distance and wear a mask.

Ice Cream



We have booked an ice cream van to come to school on Tuesday 29th June. If your child is unable to eat ice cream, please let his/her teacher know of a suitable treat he/she can have instead. Children will not be charged for their ice cream.

Sports Morning

Fun focused Sports Mornings will be held later this month as follows:

- FITNESS FREDDIE – Monday 21 June
- P3 SPORTS MORNING - Tuesday 22 June
- P2 SPORTS MORNING – Wednesday 23 June
- P1 SPORTS MORNING – Friday 25 June
- NURSERY SPORTS MORNING – Thursday 24th June

As this is not an “official” sports day, parents will not be asked to attend.

Wednesday 30th June- End of Term

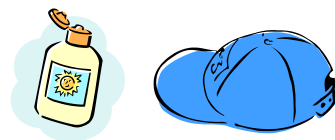
Children do not need to wear their uniform and there will be staggered finishing times. Details for each class will be sent home via Seesaw.

Uniform

As previously advised, the uniform shop has now moved directly to our supplier DAVID CRAWFORD SCHOOLWEAR – 21 Francis Street Newtownards or local, seasonal POPUP shops. Orders can also be placed online at www.uniformstoreni.co.uk

Hats / Sunscreen

With the warmer weather arriving, we would advise that children should bring a hat or cap to school to be worn when they are in the playground. If it appears that the sun will be quite strong, parents are advised to put sunscreen on children prior to school.



Annual Reports

Annual Reports will be sent home on Friday 25th June.

Please remember to return the reply slip to indicate that you have received and read the report. Parents are invited to make a comment about their child's progress.

Classes for September 2021

Details of your child's teacher and room for September will be given with the Annual School Report. The children will have an opportunity on the afternoon of Monday 28/Tuesday 29 June to meet their new teacher and see their classroom. If for any reason your child will not be returning in September, please advise school immediately so that we have an indication of places available for September.

Term Dates/Holiday List 2021/22

Term dates and holidays for 2021/22 have already been sent home. Children will come in to school in groups from Friday 27th August. Your child's teacher will send more details before the end of term. Parents of children starting Nursery and P1 will have already received details of starting dates and times. **A copy of the term dates and holidays can be viewed on the school website dundelainfants.co.uk.**

Free School Meals



As previously advised, all parents entitled to Free School Meals should now apply online at <https://www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals-uniform-grants>

It is vital that this application is made as soon as possible in order that it is processed prior to the new school year. Please ensure you LIST ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING OR STARTING SCHOOL THIS YEAR.

We have been advised that all names will be removed from the list on 30 June and we will then receive a new list at the end of August. Until children's names are on the list we will be unable to provide free school meals. If you are entitled, please apply now even if you are not sure if your child will take dinners. If you have difficulties with the online application please contact (90564000) Education Authority – Belfast Region, Free School Meals Department, in the first instance.

P.T.A News



Thank you to those parents and staff who have purchased a Dundela tea towel.

Thank you also to those members of the P.T.A. who are moving on to Strandtown- you will be greatly missed. Your time, effort and support have been very much appreciated by the Dundela Infants' School community.

The P.T.A. would warmly welcome any new recruits and so if you are able to volunteer your time, lend your skills or share ideas, please contact the PTA at dundelapta@oulook.com, or send a private message via the '**Dundela Infants PTA' Facebook page** .

Please note the PTA are currently meeting via Zoom approximately once a month to discuss and organise fundraising activities.

Finally, a number of parents will end their association with Dundela as their youngest child transfers to Strandtown. Thank you so much for your involvement in the life of the School.

Best Wishes for an enjoyable summer break.

Kind regards,

S Wilson
Principal