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Newsletter - October 2021

Thank you for continuing to adhere to our health and safety guidance. The children remain in consistent groups inside the building, but are now able to play in year groups when outside and are loving seeing all their friends! All children continue to wash/sanitise their hands in the morning and throughout the day. Please continue to reinforce the importance of good handwashing and hygiene routines at home.

Please note:

The Department of Education's guidance to schools still highlights the need for facemasks to be worn when inside our school grounds.

School Dinners

As there is considerable administration connected with school dinners, parents are reminded of the following:

- **All meals for the following week should be booked online by the previous Sunday evening.**
- Dinners are currently £2.60 per day for P1-3, £13.00 per week.
- Free school meals can only be supplied when we have received notification from the Education Authority.
- Special diets due to medical conditions or for religious reasons can be supplied only if an official form has been returned.



School Milk



If you were too late to order milk for your child but would still like your child to take milk this term, please inform the office by **18th October** so that milk can be ordered for November. The cost will be £7.00 and should be paid through Schoolmoney online.

Harvest

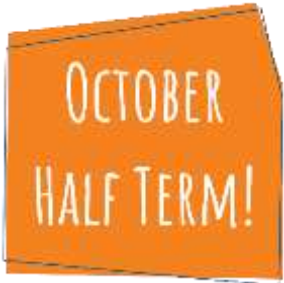
Although we will be unable to hold a whole school Harvest assembly this year, we would like to continue to support the Storehouse Charity which provides food for needy families. We are asking children to bring in some tins of food from Monday 18th – to Wednesday 20th October.

School Website

Please take a look at our school website dundelainfants.co.uk where you will find information and photographs about school life. Term Dates, Early Closures, Dinner Menus and other News Events are also on the Website. We would be grateful if you would use this as a first reference before phoning the school office.

Parent Interviews P1 - P3 + Nursery

Following the recently updated advice from the Department of Education, we will be unable to hold face to face Parent/Teacher consultations. Your child's teacher will therefore telephone you at a time and date specified. You will already have received your child's finishing time for that week.



Half Term Holiday/School Development Day

School will close on Friday 22 October and will re-open on Tuesday 2 November.

Morning Arrangements from November onwards

From Tuesday 2nd November we will revert to our Pre COVID morning arrangements which are as follows: -

- 8.45am- The first bell rings signalling the cloakroom doors are open and children should make their way to their classrooms.
- Parents/carers should wait behind the yellow lines and must ensure their children are safely inside the cloakroom before leaving the school grounds. Parents are asked to note that there is no supervision in school prior to 8.45am.
- 8.55am-The second bell rings signalling all children should now be in their classrooms and ready to begin their day.
- For safeguarding reasons, the outer cloakroom doors must be locked after the second bell rings and any child arriving after 8.55am should enter the school via the main front door. A record of lateness should be completed and signed by the parent and a member of the office staff will bring the child to his/her classroom.

School Closure – Emergency Situations



In the event of the school being unable to open due to an emergency, information will be sent through the Seesaw App and will also be made available on the school website: www.dundelainfants.co.uk

Flu Vaccination

Flu Vaccinations are due to take place in school on Monday 22nd November. Your child will receive a letter from the School Flu Vaccination Team prior to this and it should be returned to school as soon as possible.



Reminders

- Please remember that earrings should not be worn in school.
- As we return to our Pre-COVID morning arrangements, please show consideration for residents, staff and other parents when parking. **No** car belonging to a parent should be in the school grounds at any time. If disabled access is needed, the driver must request this from the school office.
- Please remember that dogs are not permitted in the school grounds whether on a lead or being carried.
- Children are not permitted on the grassy areas of our grounds in the morning or at home time.
- Please wear your face mask when inside the school grounds.
- Please remember that if you have an issue you would like to speak to the class teacher about, you should let her know via the Seesaw App and she will make time for you once the children have gone home. If you have a safeguarding concern, please inform the school at any time of the day and as soon as possible.

Designated Teacher for Child Protection: Ms S Wilson

Deputy Designated Teachers for Child Protection: Miss J Davidson and Mrs L Conly (Nursery)

Thank you for your continued support,

S Wilson
Principal

