



NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 2019

SCHOOL DINNERS

Primary 1 children are now staying for dinners and the hall is at full capacity. As there is considerable administration connected with school dinners parents are reminded of the following:

- **All dinner money must be paid on a Monday** unless the child is absent.
- 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.
- PLEASE DO NOT SEND OLD STYLE £1 OR PAPER £5 OR £10 NOTES as the Post Office is no longer accepting these.
- Please check you have not included euro or other foreign coins in error.
- Please send as little small change as possible.

PUNCTUALITY

Please remember that school starts at 8.55am. A number of children are arriving late on a frequent basis. This is disruptive to the classrooms and makes it very difficult to finalise dinner numbers for the school meals kitchen.

HARVEST

We will be holding our harvest assembly on Thursday 10 October. This year we will be supporting Storehouse which provides food for needy families. We are asking children to bring in some tins of food on Monday 7 – Wednesday 9 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

Parent interviews will be held with teachers during the week commencing **Monday 21 October**. Appointment times and details will be sent home on Wednesday 9 October. We are asking that children are not brought to the interviews. You are asked to note that School will finish at 1.00pm all week for P1 – P3 children, after dinner and packed lunch.

PARENT / TEACHER ASSOCIATION

The PTA will meet on Monday 7 October at 7.30pm to make plans for this year. Parents of new children are particularly welcome.

HALF TERM HOLIDAY/SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY

School will close on Friday 25 October at 1.00pm and will re-open on Tuesday 5 November.

SCHOOL CLOSURE – EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

In the event of the school being unable to open due to an emergency, parents are asked to note the following:

- Information will be sent by a TEXT MESSAGE to one parent of each family in school.
- Information will be made available on the school website dundelainfants.co.uk
- Information will be made available on BBC Northern Ireland News website - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/ninews>

A test text message will be sent on Monday 7 October. If you do not receive this, please let the school office know so that we can check contact details.

ACCESS TO SCHOOL

In the mornings classroom doors remain unlocked until 9.00am. Only parents and children arriving after this time should be using the main front door. Please remember that parents arriving in school through the front door should report to the office at all times. Please do not continue on down through school without making office staff aware that you are on the premises. If you are leaving school through the main door, please ensure children are NOT permitted to press the door access switch.

After half term the pedestrian gates at Dundela Avenue and Wilgar Street will be locked during the school day. Access will be through the pedestrian gates beside the main gate.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Children are all looking smart in their school uniforms and we would like this to continue throughout the year. Please remember that black school shoes should be worn – coloured trainers are not part of the uniform.

WEARING OF EARRINGS

A number of children are continuing to wear earrings which are unsuitable for school. Please remember that small plain studs are the only earrings that should be worn.

CHARITY COLLECTIONS

Please remember to send in the following:

- Used stamps for Guide Dogs for the Blind
- Copper coins for the Penny Jar which are donated to charity



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Principal