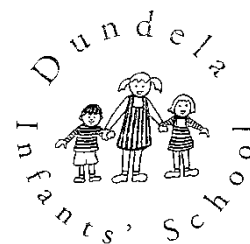


DUNDELA INFANTS' SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER - NOVEMBER 2019



I would like to thank you all so much for the warm welcome I received when taking up my role of Principal here in Dundela Infants' School. I feel extremely privileged to be part of such an outstanding, dedicated and child centred team and look forward to getting to know our school families and community, so that we may all continue to work together to provide the very best Early Years Education for our children.

Please read the following information carefully to keep up to date with the activities and events in school this month.

****ELECTION****

We have been advised that the school building will be used as a Polling Station for the local elections on **Thursday 12 December 2019**. There will be no school on that date.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

We had an excellent attendance for the Parent/Teacher interviews held prior to Half-Term and hope you found the interviews useful and informative.

FLU VACCINATION

The School Health Vaccination Team will be in school on Wednesday 27 November to administer the Flu Vaccination. A consent form has been sent home which should be returned to school promptly to avoid unnecessary additional administration.

CHARITY

Thank you for sending food donations for the Harvest Assembly. Your donations have been greatly appreciated by Storehouse. Please remember to send small change for the Penny Bottle which will be donated to Northern Ireland Children's Hospice at the end of the school year.

This Christmas we will once again be supporting the Cancer Fund for Children – Presents for ££s Appeal. School Staff would be very happy if parents, instead of buying presents for members of staff, gave a donation to the CFC Appeal. Envelopes will be supplied with the December Newsletter.

SCHOOL GROUNDS

Now that all children are remaining in school for the full day, the gates at Dundela Avenue and at the steps in Wilgar Street will be locked during the school day. They will re-open in time for Nursery children being collected. Parents arriving during the school day should enter the school by the main gate and report to reception.

Strandtown pupils continue to be in the grounds on Friday afternoons unsupervised by parents. Please ensure that your child is only in the grounds when accompanied by an adult. Bikes or scooters should not be ridden in the grounds and dogs should not be brought into the playground.

ABSENCE NOTES

Please remember to send a note to the class teacher giving a reason if your child has been absent from school. This should be done even if you have advised school by telephone. The Education Welfare Officer visited school prior to half term and carried out an audit of attendance during September and October. Reasons for absence are important are reviewed during the audit. Parents of children whose absence level is a concern will be informed.

PTA

We are holding a ***Dundela Winter Market*** on Friday 15 November from 7pm-9pm. There are around 17 stall holders selling a variety of homemade crafts, jewellery and other items. Admission will be £3 which will include refreshments. Please invite friends and neighbours to come along with you to this event to start the festive season. Flyers with further information have been sent home.

A Disco for the children is planned for Saturday 18 January 2020 from 10.30-12.00 and will be held in Harland & Wolff Staff Club in Dundela Avenue. Tickets will be available after the Christmas holiday.

Plans are being made for other events to be held this year including a Quiz on Friday 28 February and the very popular BBQ & Family Fun Night on Friday 5 June. It is also hoped to have a relay team in the Belfast City Marathon in May.

Money raised by PTA has paid for the new cycle pods and will also be used for paying for the transport for school trips, new mathematics resources, general equipment and resources for school & nursery and equipment to develop outdoor play. It is also planned to purchase a defibrillator for the school later in the year.

CHRISTMAS DATES

Christmas Concert (P1 & P2) Tuesday 10 December 1.30pm & Wednesday 11 December 9.15am
Christmas Performance (P3) Tuesday 17 December 1.30pm & Wednesday 18 December 9.15am
Christmas Fun Morning Friday 20 December – School finishes **12.15pm**

NURSERY AND PRIMARY 1 ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

Last year, the Education Authority in conjunction with the Department of Education made changes to the admissions process for Primary 1 and Nursery in developing an on-line application portal. The same process will be used this year. Further details will be provided when available and will also be available from the Education Authority website www.eani.org.uk.

- The application process will open on 7 January 2020 at 12.00noon and close on 30 January 2020 at 12.00noon

We will be holding an open afternoon/evening on Tuesday 3 December 2019 from 3.00-4.00pm and 6.30-7.30pm for both Nursery and Primary 1.

A form is attached asking for details of brothers/sisters who will be eligible to apply for Nursery places in the next 3 years. **This is for internal school purposes only and is not an application form.** Parents who returned a similar form in previous years do not need to do so again.

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Principal

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NURSERY ADMISSIONS

Please give details below of any children under school age for whom you would intend to apply for a place in Dundela Nursery.

Please note this is not an application form.

Name(s) of brother/sister currently attending Dundela

_____ Class _____

_____ Class _____

Admission Sept 2020 Date of birth 2 July 2016 - 1 July 2017

Name of Child	Date of Birth

Admission Sept 2021 Date of birth 2 July 2017 - 1 July 2018

Name of Child	Date of Birth

Admission Sept 2022 Date of birth 2 July 2018 - 1 July 2019

Name of Child	Date of Birth

THIS IS NOT AN APPLICATION FORM