

Please read me!

DUNDELA INFANTS' SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2019



Dear Parents

As we approach December I would like to draw your attention to the arrangements up to the end of term. Please take time to read the details, as there are some changes to the usual routine. There is also important information regarding applications for Nursery & P1 for September 2020.

SCHOOL CLOSURE REMINDER

As advised in previous newsletter, please remember School & Nursery will be closed on Thursday 12 December as school will be used as a Polling Station.

*****IMPORTANT DATES FOR AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS*****

The last days for After Schools Clubs for this term are as follows:

- P3 Homework Club Tues 26 Nov & Mon 2 Dec
- P3 Wednesday Clubs Wed 4 December

Clubs will recommence as follows:

- P3 Homework Club Mon 6 & Tues 7 January
- P3 Wednesday Clubs Wed 8 January



****P1 & P2 CHRISTMAS CONCERT/P3 CHRISTMAS NATIVITY****

Please see details on the attached letter regarding arrangements for these events.

In previous years it was disappointing that a number of parents, who did not purchase tickets on time, were abusive to office staff. The number of seats in the school hall is limited due to fire & health and safety regulations. Tickets are therefore limited to 2 per family for the P1 & P2 concert and 4 per family for the P3 Nativity. Tickets will sell quickly. **It is important that you follow the instructions for ordering tickets and return the reply slip and money to the class teacher. Tickets will not be sold directly from the office.** It is hoped that all parents will co-operate with these arrangements.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY – SAVE THE CHILDREN

We will be holding our Christmas Jumper Day on **Friday 13 December**. Wear your Christmas Jumper or decorate an old jumper with sparkly, festive fun. Suggested donation £1 in support of Save the Children.

ATTENDANCE

The Education Welfare Officer was in school during November to review attendance. She particularly reviews the attendance of children whose attendance is less than 85%. Please remember that a note must be sent to school following any period of absence.

PTA Winter Market

Thank you to all those who supported our Winter Market. There was a great selection of stalls selling a wide variety of items. Thanks are expressed to all the parents and staff who made preparations for the event and assisted on the evening. Many people commented on the welcoming atmosphere within the school and it was great that members of the local community joined with us. A total of £574 was raised on the evening.

PTA Book Drive

Thanks to your continued support, the PTA were able to buy 21 individual books and a further 2 book sets for the classrooms. There will be another opportunity for parents to "donate a book" at the school disco in January – further details will be sent home in the new year. We would like to thank you for your generosity in making the children's reading time more enjoyable.

CAR PARKING

Please remember to exercise care and consideration both when driving near the school and when parking. Cars continue to park on the yellow lines at the main entrance which is a safety issue for those walking near the gates. Please show respect and consideration to residents when parking, particularly over the busy Christmas period. You are reminded that only cars belonging to members of staff are permitted in the car park.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

Staff would be very happy if parents once again, instead of buying presents for members of staff, gave a donation to the Cancer Fund for Children Appeal. Envelopes will be sent home during December.

CHRISTMAS FUN MORNING

Arrangements are in hand for the Christmas Fun Morning, which will be held on Friday 20 December. Break will be provided for all children and **school will finish at 12.15pm - there will be no dinners or packed lunches.** Further details will be sent home shortly.

NURSERY AND PRIMARY 1 ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

The Education Authority has changed the process for applications to Nursery and Primary 1 for September 2020 intake. The information we have to date is as follows:

- Applications for both Nursery and Primary 1 will be through an online portal
- Information about the criteria of all schools, nursery units and playgroups will be available on the Education Authority website from Thursday 19 December 2019
- The online portal will be available from **12.00 noon on Tuesday 7 January until 12.00noon on Thursday 30 January 2020** for punctual applications. Any applications submitted after this date will be treated as late applications.
- As in previous years, parents will nominate schools/settings in order of preference
- Parents will be required to provide to their first preference school/setting an original birth certificates, 2 proofs of home address and, if applicable for Nursery, evidence of entitlement for the social disadvantage criterion. This documentation should be submitted as soon as possible after completing the application and not later than 4.00pm on Friday 7 February 2020. Failure to supply evidence by this date may result in a place not being offered
- Only information that has been provided on the online application and any documents submitted to the school will be used to determine the allocation of places

We will be holding a Nursery and Primary 1 Open Afternoon/Evening on Tuesday 3 December 2019 from 3.00-4.00pm and 6.30-7.30pm. If you have friends/neighbours who will be applying for Nursery or Primary 1 places, please share this information with them.

PRIMARY 3 TRANSFER TO STRANDTOWN

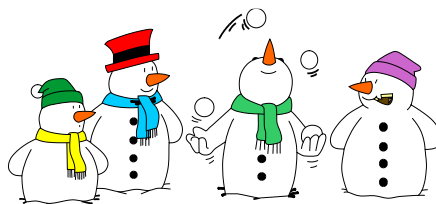
Application forms for current P3s will be available from the start of January and will be sent home when we receive them from Strandtown. Mrs Hutchinson will be providing further information in due course.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Please remember that School will finish for all children on **Friday 20 December at 12.15pm**. There will be no dinners or packed lunches. School will recommence on Monday 6 January 2020.

S. Wilson

S WILSON
Principal



DATES TO REMEMBER

Tues 26 Nov / Mon 2 Dec	Last day P3 Homework Club for Term 1
Tuesday 3 December	Nursery & P1 Open Day 3.00-4.00pm & 6.30-7.30pm
Wednesday 4 December	Last day P3 Clubs for Term 1
Tuesday 10 December	P1 & P2 Christmas Concert 1.30pm
Wednesday 11 December	P1 & P2 Christmas Concert 9.15am
Thursday 12 December	SCHOOL CLOSED – POLLING STATION
Friday 13 December	Christmas Jumper Day – Save the Children - £1 donation
Monday 16 December	Dinner Money – 4 days £10.40
Tuesday 17 December	P3 Nativity 1.30pm
Wednesday 18 December	P3 Nativity 9.15am
Thursday 19 December	Last day Nursery Waiting Class
Friday 20 December	Fun Morning School finishes 12.15pm NO PACKED LUNCHES OR SCHOOL DINNERS
Monday 6 January 2020	Term 2 begins
Thursday 30 January 2020	Closing Date for P1 & Nursery Applications 12.00 Noon Closing Date for Strandtown P4 Applications



****See overleaf for details of
P1&2 Concert & P3 Nativity**



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P1 & P2 CHRISTMAS CONCERT

This will be held in the school hall on **Tuesday 10 December at 1.30pm and Wednesday 11 December at 9.15am** for parents of P1 & P2 children. Space is limited so it is only possible for each family to have 2 tickets. We are asking for a donation of £2 per ticket, which will be donated to the Marie Curie Cancer Care.

Tickets should be requested not later than Wednesday 4 December. You are asked to note that **babies or young children should not be brought to the concert.**

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Principal

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DUNDELA INFANTS' SCHOOL **P1 & P2 CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

CHILD'S NAME: CLASS:

Please send the number of tickets as indicated (**maximum of 2 in total**):

TUES 10 DEC 1.30pm
OR

☐ TICKET(S)

WED 11 DEC 9.15am

☐ TICKET(S)

Suggested donation £2 per ticket.

I enclose a donation of £.....

SIGNED.....Parent/Guardian



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P3 CHRISTMAS NATIVITY

This will be held in the school hall on **Tuesday 17 December at 1.30pm and Wednesday 18 December at 9.15am** for parents of Primary 3 children. It is possible for each family to have a maximum 4 tickets so that additional family members may be invited. We are asking for a donation of £2 per ticket, which will be donated to the Marie Curie Cancer Care.

Tickets should be requested not later than Wednesday 11 December. You are asked to note that **babies or young children should not be brought to the nativity.**

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OR

WED 18 DEC 9.15am

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