



Dundela Infants' School

& Nursery Unit

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NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 2020

Dear Parents

NURSERY AND PRIMARY 1 ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

The digital admissions process for applications for places in Nursery and Primary 1 has now closed. Parents who have applied for places are reminded that ***birth certificates and **two proofs of address must be provided to the first preference school not later than 12.00noon on Friday 7 February 2020. In addition, parents who ticked the social disadvantage box for Nursery must download a ***benefit verification form, have it authorised and stamped by Social Security and provide it to school by 12.00noon on Friday 7 February.** Children will not be considered under this criterion unless a completed form has been received in school.

**birth certificates are not required for children who are currently in Nursery as we already hold a copy*

***proofs of address are required for children who do not have a sibling in either Dundela Infants' School (P1-3 classes) or Strandtown*

****if you are unable to download the benefit verification form please contact the school office and we will provide you with a form*

WRAPAROUND CARE

We are delighted that the Sleepy Hollow Childcare group will be offering Wraparound Care on our Premises from September 2020. They will provide a breakfast club from 8am to 8.45am, afternoon care from 2pm to 6pm, holiday clubs from 8am to 6pm and will cover all early school closures. The group is fully registered with the Health and Social Care Trust and offers assistance with claiming childcare costs through tax credits, universal credits, student finance or housing benefits. The group also accepts all forms of childcare vouchers and tax free vouchers.

For more information, please visit their website: - www.sleepyhollowgroup.com

LOVE MATHS MORNING

Just prior to half term we will be holding a Numeracy morning on Friday 14 February. Children will be involved in fun numeracy activities during the morning. We are asking children to wear an item of clothing or an accessory with a number, shape or something else related to maths on it



HALF TERM / SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAYS

School will finish on **Friday 14 February at 1.30pm**. School dinners and packed lunches will be taken prior to children finishing school. School will be closed on **Monday 17 & Tuesday 18**

February for Half Term. Please also remember that **Wednesday 19 February** is a School Development Day and children should not attend school.

ABSENCE NOTES & PUNCTUALITY

Please remember that absence notes must be sent into school following any period of absence, **even if you have telephoned to advise of the absence.** The EWO will be visiting the school prior to

half term to review attendance. I will be continuing to contact the parents of children for whom the level of absence is a cause for concern.

THANK YOU PARENTS

Thank you all so much for your support and effort in ensuring your children come to school on time. There has been a huge reduction in the number of children arriving late and this has had an extremely positive impact on the staff and pupils. Your help in this matter has been greatly appreciated. Please do come and speak to me if you are having any issues with the morning routine.

PARENT INTERVIEWS

Parent Teacher Interviews will take place week commencing Monday 9 March 2020. Interview times will be sent out at the end of February. Parents of children who receive learning support will also be given the opportunity to meet with Miss McMaster to review progress.

School will finish at 1.00pm for all P1 – P3 children on Monday 9 – Friday 13 March. School dinners and packed lunches will be taken prior to the children leaving school.

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY

School will be closed to pupils on **Monday 16 & Tuesday 17 March** for School Development Days.

PTA NEWS

Please see all the details about PTA events on page 3 of this Newsletter.

DONATIONS FROM LOCAL COMMUNITY

Recently H & W Welders made a presentation of £500 to the school which was a result of their recent fundraising. Cheques were presented to several organisations and schools in the local community. We are very grateful for their generosity and continued support for our school.



Yours faithfully

S. Wilson

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PRINCIPAL



DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 14 February	Numeracy Morning School Finishes 1.30pm (After dinners/ packed lunches)
Mon 17 – Wed 19 February	Half Term Holiday & School Development Day
Friday 28 February	PTA Quiz 7.30pm (adults only)
Mon 9 – Fri 13 March	Parent Interview Week - School finishes 1.00pm
Monday 16 & Tues 17 March	School Development Day (School closed)

PTA NEWS

SCHOOL DISCO

Thank you for supporting our children's disco on Saturday 18 January. The children had a great morning with entertainment from Aldo and the parents enjoyed tea & coffee in the comfortable surroundings of the H&W Staff Club. The total raised after costs was £332.10.

QUIZ NIGHT

The next event is a **PTA Quiz Night** on Friday 28 February at 7.30pm in H&W Staff Club in Dundela Avenue. This is an adults only event. Tickets will be available at £5 each from Monday 10 February. Teams can be made up of up to 4+ people. If you are able to make up a team with friends/relatives that will be great. If not, please still buy a ticket and come along as some teams will be made up on the evening. Please send the attached reply slip along with money to the class teachers. If anyone has suitable items or unwanted presents that could be used as ballot prizes on the evening please send them into school.

BELFAST CITY MARATHON – RELAY TEAM

Thank you to those who have volunteered to take part in a relay team at the Belfast City Marathon on Sunday 3 May 2020. We are hoping to be able to enter two teams but still need some more volunteers. Mrs Karalyn Browne is co-ordinating this event and any further volunteers are asked to send a note into the school office marked for her attention giving your contact details and these will be passed on to her.

SAVE THE DATE

Please remember our annual BBQ & Family Fun Night on Friday 5 June 2020.

PTA MEETINGS

We are currently a very small group of parents with a desire to be practically involved in our children's school. Anyone who is interested in helping to raise much needed funds for our Nursery and School would be made very welcome.



DUNDELA INFANTS' SCHOOL & NURSERY UNIT

PTA QUIZ



Child's Name: Class:

I require tickets @ £5.00 each. I enclose £

SIGNED: Parent/Guardian