



NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 2018

MACMILLAN APPEAL

Thank you for supporting the Coffee Morning, either by attending or sending a donation. The amount of £104.34 was raised by parents and staff and forwarded to the Macmillan Appeal. Thank you to those parents who served the tea/coffee and to Mrs Shanks, one of our classroom assistants, who made chutneys and sold them to staff.

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 check you have not included euro coins in error.
- Please send as little small change as possible.

HARVEST

We will be holding our harvest assembly on Thursday 11 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 8 – Wednesday 10 October.

NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE

Please take a look at our new school website dundelainfants.co.uk where you will find information and photographs about school life. We will endeavour to keep it updated and provide you with information about what is happening in school. Thank you to Mrs Yau who has worked with the website designers to make our website more attractive and easy to use.

PARENT INTERVIEWS P1 - P3 + NURSERY

Parent interviews will be held with teachers during the week commencing **Monday 22 October**. Appointment times and details will be sent home on Wednesday 10 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.

RECONSTITUTION OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Ms Gemma Evans was nominated as a new Parent Representative to the Board of Governors. Mrs Emma McCrory will be continuing as the other Parent Representative.

PARENT / TEACHER ASSOCIATION

The Treasure Hunt was very well supported and a very enjoyable afternoon was had by many families. Thanks in particular to Mrs Browne and Mrs Collins who compiled the Treasure Hunt and to those parents and staff who assisted on the day. The PTA will meet on Monday 8 October at 7.30pm to make plans for this year. Parents of new children are particularly welcome.

HALF TERM HOLIDAY

School will close on Friday 26 October at 1.00pm and will re-open on Tuesday 6 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 8 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.

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 the NI Children's Hospice

Thank you to a number of staff and family members who took part in the recent Mud Run in Ormeau Park raising £575 for school fund and £285 for Cancer Research.

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Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 11 October
Thursday 18 October
W/C Monday 22 October
Friday 26 October
Mon 29 Oct – Fri 2 Nov
Monday 5 November
Thursday 8 November
Monday 12 November

Harvest Assembly
Flu Immunisation Day
Parent Interviews – School finishes 1.00pm each day
School finishes 1.00pm
Half Term Holiday
School Development Day – Pupils do not attend
P2 Trip to Armagh Planetarium
Nursery Waiting Class starts 1.30-2.10pm

