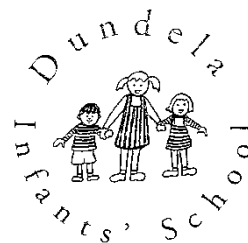


DUNDELA INFANTS' SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER - NOVEMBER 2018



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.

CHARITY

Thank you for sending food donations for the Harvest Assembly. Your donations have been greatly appreciated by Storehouse. In November we will be supporting Children in Need. Pudsey pin badges will be available from Friday 9 November for a donation of £1.00. 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. We also collect used stamps which are donated to charity.

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.

Thanks are expressed to a number of staff who completed a Glow Walk in October raising almost £600 for Autism NI.

PTA

We are holding a special Dundela Winter Market on Friday 16 November from 7pm-9pm. There are around 16 stall holders selling a variety of homemade crafts and other items. Admission will be £2 which will include refreshments. Please invite friends and neighbours to come along with you to this event to start the festive season.

Plans are in hand to hold a Christmas Ballot which will be drawn on Monday 17 December. If you have any contacts who could supply prizes for the ballot, please let the school office know by Friday 16 November.

Last year just over £900 was raised through donations for the Marathon Team which took part in the Belfast Marathon on May Day. We hope to be able to enter a team again this year (Sunday 5 May) or, if there are sufficient runners, two teams. We would like to gauge interest early and encourage parents to consider being part of a team. There is a different route this year with 5 stages, each of varying distances, and you will be able to state your preferred distance at a later date. If you would be interested in taking part, please return the reply slip by Monday 19 November.

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DUNDELA INFANTS' SCHOOL – MARATHON RELAY TEAM

Name _____

E-mail Address _____

Contact Phone Number _____

Name of Child(ren) _____ Class(es) _____

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 today and carried out an audit of attendance during September and October. She is also looking at documentation regarding absence. I will be advising parents of those children for whom the level of attendance is a concern.

CHRISTMAS DATES

Christmas Concert (P1 & P2) Tuesday 11 December 1.30pm & Wednesday 12 December 9.15am
Christmas Performance (P3) Tuesday 18 December 1.30pm & Wednesday 19 December 9.15am
Christmas Fun Morning Friday 21 December – School finishes **12.15pm**

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.

NURSERY AND PRIMARY 1 ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2019

The Education Authority in conjunction with the Department of Education is making changes to the admissions process for Primary 1 and Nursery. At this stage we have limited information but can advise you of the following:

- Applications for Nursery and Primary 1 will be made through an on-line portal
- The application process will open on 2 January 2019 and close on 31 January 2019

We will be holding an open afternoon/evening on Tuesday 15 January 2019 from 3.00-4.00pm and 6.30-7.30pm for both Nursery and Primary 1. Information about the process will be provided when further details are available.

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.

S H MACKEY

Principal

DUNDELA INFANTS' SCHOOL

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 2019 Date of birth 2 July 2015 - 1 July 2016

Name of Child	Date of Birth

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

THIS IS NOT AN APPLICATION FORM