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**DUNDELA INFANTS' SCHOOL**  
**NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2017**



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.

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

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

- P3 Homework Club Mon 4 & Tues 5 December
- P2 Maths Attack Thurs 7 December
- P3 Wednesday Clubs Wed 13 December

Clubs will recommence as follows:

- P3 Homework Club Mon 8 & Tues 9 January
- P3 Wednesday Clubs Wed 10 January
- P2 Maths Attack Thurs 11 January



**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 CHRISTMAS MOVIE AFTERNOON/CHRISTMAS BALLOT**

Tickets have all been sold for this event. Parents of children who have booked a ticket are reminded that children should be collected from the back door of the hall at 3.50pm. Tickets have been retained by the class teacher and will be given to the children before they go to the hall.

All ticket stubs and money for the Christmas Ballot should be returned to School by Friday 8 December. It would be appreciated if money and stubs were returned in an envelope. Prize-winners will be notified after the draw takes place on Monday 11 December.

**\*\*P1 & P2 CHRISTMAS CONCERT/P3 CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE\*\***

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

Last year 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 carol service. 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.

### **SCHOOL COUNCIL**

Congratulations to the following P3 children who have been elected by their classes to be members of the new School Council: Daniel Currie; Casey Cunningham; Lily Sewell; Georgia Upritchard; Scarlett McCarron; Peter McDade and Cameron Armstrong. Mrs Bach will be meeting with the children to discuss their role in the development of the School Council. We will keep you updated with their thoughts and plans to develop Dundela.

### **CHRISTMAS PRESENTS**

As mentioned in the previous newsletter school 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.

### **SCHOOL DINNERS**

The hall is full to capacity with children taking school dinners and therefore no additional children are able to be accommodated for occasional dinners. Only those children who have been taking dinners on a regular basis will be able to have dinners during December.

### **CHRISTMAS FUN MORNING**

Arrangements are in hand for the Christmas Fun Morning, which will be held on Wednesday 20 December. It will be a Christmas Jumper Day and break will be provided for all children. **School will finish at 12.15pm and there will be no dinners or packed lunches.** Further details will be sent home shortly.

### **NURSERY AND PRIMARY 1 ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2018**

Application Forms for Nursery and Primary 1 for September 2018 will be available from Monday 27 November. We will send home forms with nursery children and to those parents who have advised us that they have a child who is the age for Nursery. Forms for other children are available from the school office.

Any parents of children in Dundela Nursery who wish to visit Primary 1 are invited to visit school on Tuesday 5 December 2017 at 9.00am.

A Nursery Open Afternoon/Evening is being held for parents who are interested in applying for Nursery places on Tuesday 5 December 1.45-2.45pm and 7.00-8.00pm. Please let neighbours and friends know about this date.

The closing date for receipt of application forms by 1<sup>st</sup> preference schools for both Nursery and Primary 1 is **Wednesday 10 January 2018 at 12 noon.**

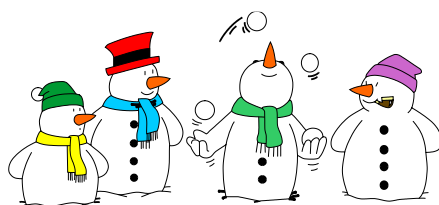
### **PRIMARY 3 TRANSFER TO STRANDTOWN**

Application forms for current P3s will be available from the start of December and will be sent home when we receive them from Strandtown. Completed applications should be returned to **STRANDTOWN PRIMARY by WEDNESDAY 10 JANUARY AT 4pm.** Information about an open afternoon at Strandtown will also be sent home. This will be held on Tuesday 9 January from 4.30 – 6.30pm.

## **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**

Please remember that School will finish for all children on **Wednesday 20 December at 12.15pm.** There will be no dinners or packed lunches. School will recommence on Thursday 4 January 2018.

**S H MACKEY**  
Principal



## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Mon 4 / Tues 5 December	Last day P3 Homework Club
Tuesday 5 December	Nursery Open Day 1.45-2.45pm & 7.00-8.00pm **No Nursery Waiting Class
Thursday 7 December	Last day P2 Maths Attack Club
Wednesday 13 December	Last day P3 Clubs
Tuesday 12 December	P1 & P2 Christmas Concert 1.30pm
Wednesday 13 December	P1 & P2 Christmas Concert 9.15am
Monday 18 December	P3 Carol Service 1.30pm
Tuesday 19 December	P3 Carol Service 9.15am
Monday 18 December	Dinner Money – 2 days £5.20
Tuesday 19 December	Last day Nursery Waiting Class
Wednesday 20 December	Fun Morning – Christmas Jumper Day <b>School finishes 12.15pm</b> NO PACKED LUNCHES OR SCHOOL DINNERS
Thursday 4 January	Term 2 begins
Tuesday 9 January	P3 Strandtown Information Evening 4.30-6.30pm
Wednesday 10 January	Closing Date for P1 & Nursery Applications 12 noon Closing Date for Strandtown P4 Applications 4.00pm

