

## **NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 2018**

Dear Parents

### **HALF TERM / SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAYS**

School will finish on **Wednesday 14 February at 1.00pm**. School dinners and packed lunches will be taken prior to children finishing school. School will be closed on **Thursday 15 & Friday 16 February** for Half Term. Please also remember that **Monday 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 on Wednesday 21 February to review attendance. I will be contacting parents of children for whom the level of absence is a cause for concern.

An increasing number of children are arriving late for school. School starts at 8.55am and children arriving late are at a disadvantage as teaching has already started. This can be upsetting for the child and disruptive for the rest of the class. On occasions children have been late and arrived at the door unaccompanied. Please ensure that children are at school on time and are accompanied to the classroom door.

### **P3 APPLICATIONS TO STRANDTOWN**

All parents who applied for a Primary 4 place in Strandtown received letters from Strandtown offering a place. While Strandtown has asked for replies to be returned by 2 March, it would be helpful if reply slips were returned to P3 teachers as soon as possible.

### **PARENT INTERVIEWS**

Parent Teacher Interviews will take place week commencing Monday 12 March 2018. Interview times will be sent out at the beginning of March. Parents are reminded that interviews are scheduled for 10 minutes and teachers will be endeavouring to keep to the allocated timetable. Parents of children who receive learning support will be given the opportunity to meet with Ms Gordon to review progress.

School will finish at 1.00pm for all P1 – P3 children on Monday 12 – Friday 16 March. School dinners and packed lunches will be taken prior to the children leaving school.

### **SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY**

School will be closed on **Monday 19 March** for a School Development Day.

### **EXTENDED SCHOOLS**

P2 Maths Attack – Group 3 starts Thursday 8 February – Thursday 8 March.

### **FIRST AID COURSE**

We have had an excellent response from parents wishing to attend the First Aid Course in Strandtown Primary School on Tuesday 20 February at 7.00pm. There are still a few of our allocated places available and if you wish to attend, please send in the reply slip (attached to January Newsletter) as soon as possible. A reminder will be sent prior to half term to those parents who have registered to attend.

## PTA NEWS

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

## PARKING

Parents and carers are reminded of the need to park carefully and respectfully in the mornings and afternoons around the school premises. There have been ongoing traffic difficulties at both the Dundela Avenue gate and the Wilgar Street gate due to parking on double yellow lines close to the gate. This makes it difficult for pedestrians accessing the footpath, especially those with prams. **Please remember cars are not to be brought into the school grounds for any reason.** Parents are also reminded to keep children close to them when arriving at and leaving school to ensure their safety.

## PARENTS OF P1CW & P1MW

Parents are asked to remember that when sending money envelopes to school the classes should be noted as **1CW** or **1MW** and not 1W.

## SENDING MONEY TO SCHOOL

Following the introduction of the new £1 coin last year, please note that school no longer accepts the old style £1 coin. Please also take care not to send 1 Euro coins by mistake as this is adding unnecessary administration time.

## DONATIONS FROM LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS

Recently Dundela Football Club/H & W Welders made a presentation of £500 to the school which was a result of their recent fundraising. Cheques were presented to 7 organisations and schools in the local community. Strandtown Baptist Church donated £550 to school from their Christmas offering to be used to buy equipment/books. We are very grateful to both these groups for their generosity and support for the school.

Yours faithfully



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## DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 14 February  
lunches)

Thurs 15 – Mon 19 February

Tuesday 20 February

Friday 2 March

Mon 12 March

Monday 19 March

Mon 26 Mar – Fri 6 April

Monday 9 April

**School Finishes 1.00pm** (After dinners/ packed

Half Term Holiday & School Development Day

First Aid Course @ Strandtown Primary 7.00pm

PTA Quiz

Parent Interview Week - **School finishes 1.00pm**

School Development Day (School closed)

Easter Holidays

Term 3 starts