



## **NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 2018**

Thank you to everyone for supporting the P1/2 Concert and the P3 Carol Service at the end of the year. The children and staff are to be thanked and congratulated for all the work that went into these events. A total of £1008.00 was raised for the RBHSC Helping Hands Appeal.

The Presents for £££ Appeal raised a total of £1079 and this will be forwarded to the Cancer Fund for Children. £146.00 was also raised for the Save the Children Fund Christmas Jumper Day Appeal. Staff are very appreciative of the generosity of parents.

On the last day of term the children enjoyed a Fun Morning which included Christmas stories, games and a craft activity. Santa & Mrs Claus visited, bringing a present for each child and the morning ended with class parties with food supplied by teachers. Thanks are due to all staff for making this an enjoyable morning for the children.

### **MILK MONEY**

Details and envelopes have been given to children who took milk during Term 1. The cost for Term 2 is £9.50. All money needs to be paid by **Wednesday 17 January**. Cheques should be made payable to **EDUCATION AUTHORITY**.

If your child did not take milk during Term 1 and you would like your child to take milk during Term 2 please ask the class teacher for an envelope.

### **SCHOOL FUND**

School Fund (£6 per family) for Term 2 is due on **Wednesday 24 January**, with cheques made payable to **Dundela Infants' School**.

### **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](http://www.dundelainfants.co.uk)
- Information will be made available on BBC Northern Ireland News website - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/ninews>

### **CONTACT DETAILS**

Please remember to advise us in writing of any changes to contact details immediately they occur. This includes details of anyone you have given as a contact in case of emergencies. In particular, please ensure mobile numbers are kept up-to-date.

### **P3 CLUBS & HOMEWORK CLUB**

P3 Clubs and Homework Club have started again this week and will continue until Wednesday 7 March.

## **P2 MATHS ATTACK CLUB**

Group 2 – Group 2 starts Thursday 11 January.

Group 3 – Group 3 will start on Thursday 8 February. A reminder letter with dates will be given to children in Group 3.

## **PARENT INTERVIEWS**

Parent Interviews will be held week beginning Monday 12 March 2018. Further details will be sent out towards the end of February.

## **ASSESSMENT**

During each term teachers carry out ongoing progress assessments. During Term 3 assessments will begin from the end of April and continue during May. As the assessments include observations and practical activities it is important that children are at school as time constraints and organisation will not permit individual assessments at another time. Parents are asked not to arrange holidays in particular during this time

## **PTA**

The Children's Disco will be held on Saturday 20 January in Connswater Community Centre. Please see attached sheet for details.

Thanks to those parents who organised the Christmas Ballot and to those who supplied the excellent prizes. Prize winners have received their prizes. The Ballot raised £736.00 for PTA funds. Thanks also to the parents and members of staff who assisted with the organisation of the Movie Afternoon which raised £273.93.

A meeting will be held early in February to make plans the other events being held this year.

S H Mackey

Principal

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Wednesday 17 January

Saturday 20 January

Wednesday 24 January

Wednesday 14 February

Thurs 15 & Fri 16 February

Monday 19 February

Week commencing Mon 12 March

Monday 19 March

Friday 23 March

Mon 27 March – Fri 6 April

Monday 9 April

Milk money due £9.50

PTA Children's Disco

School Fund due £6.00

School Finishes 1.00pm

(After dinners/ packed lunches)

Half Term Holiday

School Development Day (School closed)

Parent Interview Week - School finishes 1.00pm

(After Dinners/Packed Lunches)

School Development Day (School closed)

School finishes 12.15pm - **NO DINNERS/PACKED LUNCHES**

Easter Holidays

Term 3 starts

