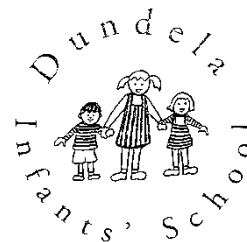


DUNDELA INFANTS' SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER - NOVEMBER 2017



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. We had an excellent response which has been greatly appreciated by Storehouse.

Thank you also for the donations to NSPCC which amounted to £297 and for supporting the Wacky Hair Day.

In November we will be supporting Children in Need. Pudsey & Blush wristbands will be available from Monday 13 November for a donation of £1.00.

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.

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.

E-SAFETY EVENING FOR PARENTS

The three infant schools and Strandtown have arranged to hold an E-Safety Information Evening for parents on Monday 20 November at 7.30pm in Belmont Primary School. Further details will be available shortly. By combining with the other schools this avoids duplication of events and reduces the cost to the Schools.

PTA

Arrangements are being made for PTA events for this year. There will be a Christmas Ballot which will be drawn on Monday 11 December. If you have any contacts who could supply prizes for the ballot, please let the school office know by Friday 17 November. Please see the attached sheet for other PTA information.

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 will visit school on Tuesday 14 November to carry out an audit of attendance during September and October. She is also entitled to see documentation regarding absence.

CHRISTMAS DATES

Christmas Concert (P1 & P2)	Tuesday	12 December 1.30pm
	Wednesday	13 December 9.15am
Christmas Nativity (P3)	Monday	18 December 1.30pm
	Tuesday	19 December 9.15am
Christmas Fun Morning	Wednesday	20 December – School finishes 12.15pm

No dinners/packed lunches

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.

CAR PARKING

Please remember that cars must not be brought into the school grounds. Please also be considerate of other parents and members of the public when parking your car in the nearby streets. Parking enforcement officers have been monitoring parking both in Wilgar Street and also Dundela Avenue and surrounding streets. The main gates in Wilgar Street MUST be kept free for Emergency Vehicle access.

NURSERY AND PRIMARY 1 ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2018

Although it is still very early in this school year arrangements are already being made for Admissions for September 2018. The closing date for both Nursery and Primary 1 admissions is Wednesday 10 January 2018 at 12.00 noon.

There will be a Nursery Open Afternoon/Evening on Tuesday 5 December from 1.45-2.45pm and from 7.00-8.00pm.

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