



*Welcome to the February edition of  
Sunnylands News*

We continue to move quickly through the school year, with a busy February ahead. Parental Interviews are set for the week before half term, please come along and learn how your child is progressing, what we are doing to help them and how you can work alongside us too.

Remember to keep the newsletter in a safe place to be reminded of all the important dates in the school calendar in February and beyond.

*Mrs J. Lyons*

### Dates for your Diary:

There will be NO clubs week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> February. Breakfast Club will continue as usual.

Parental Interviews  
Wed 9<sup>th</sup>/Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> February

**Pupils will finish at 12:45pm Wed – Fri to facilitate this.  
(Pupils will have lunch before leaving school)**

**Half Term: Mon 14<sup>th</sup> – Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Feb**

**17<sup>th</sup> March:** Pupils will finish school at 12:30pm. Lunch will not be provided.

**Please DO NOT drive into the school grounds to drop off or collect your child, park outside and walk in.**

### School Uniform

Please ensure your child comes to school in their proper uniform each day, this includes school trousers/skirt/pinafore and school shoes which should be dark in colour. An increasing amount of children are wearing tracksuit bottoms and/or trainers; these are not part of our uniform.

Please take time over half term to ensure your child has all items they require. If you have difficulty financing these please get in touch with school for assistance.

### Parental interviews

Details for these have been sent home and you should now return the reply slip, times will then be sent for you to attend for interview. We are having these interviews in person however we would ask that if you have any symptoms of Covid you do not attend. If, for health reasons, you would prefer to have a telephone interview please let your child's teacher know and this can be arranged.

Please remember all pupils will finish at 12:45pm on Wed 9<sup>th</sup>, Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> and Fri 11<sup>th</sup> February to accommodate this. Pupils will have lunch in school on each of these days.

Due to COVID the usual crèche facilities will not be available, apologies for any inconvenience.

### World Book Day

We will celebrate World Book Day on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March and would encourage all pupils to dress as a character from their favourite book.

### Absences and Lateness

Please work with us to get your child into school on time each day, teachers start teaching at 8:50am and it is very disruptive to have children interrupting when lessons have already started, the children are also missing out on valuable teaching and information.

If your child is absent from school, please send a note the day they return to explain the reason. We are having to send home an increasing amount of reminders to ask for this.

### Elmer

We have sponsored an 'Elmer' elephant which we will be decorating as a school, and which will be when finished, part of a Northern Ireland wide exhibition. The project will raise money for the Northern Ireland Children's Hospice and we have begun to carry out activities to raise money. We have already had 'Money War' which P3 won convincingly – and I'm sure will enjoy their pizza party reward!! A huge thank you to Dominoes for sponsoring this.

### AQE

Some of our P7 pupils completed their AQE tests in November and are awaiting their results on 5<sup>th</sup> February. We wish them all every success and know that they worked very hard to give their best effort.

### COVID

We are continuing to live with this infection and have been fortunate, as a school, to keep teaching disruption to a minimum. I would ask that if you get a message, through letter, or a text you carry out a lateral flow test (one you do at home) with your child on that day and a few days later. This will help us to try to keep disruption to a minimum.