



### Welcome to the December edition of Sunnylands News!

It's hard to believe that it's nearly Christmas and we are certainly getting prepared in school. We have been practising hard for our Christmas performances and we can't wait to welcome you into school to watch.

We also have our toy fair coming up and lots of Christmas events for our children.

Keep reading to find out about our exciting 'Christmas Win!'

*Mrs J. Lyons*

### Dates for your Diary

Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Toy Fair from 9:30am
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	P5-7 Pantomime
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Nursery visit to watch Christmas performance
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> and Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas performances
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Pupils finish at 12noon
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Pupils return to school finish at 1pm for Open Day
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### **A BIG Thank you**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Children in Need Day. We managed to raise £268 for this worthy cause, and enjoyed wearing our Spotty clothes!

### **Another BIG Thank you**

Thank you to everyone who came along to help us to celebrate our 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We all had a great day and loved to meet others who had been to Sunnylands. It was super to see many past pupils and teachers attending and to see everyone's enjoyment looking for their names and photos.

### Christmas Performances

We will be having our Christmas performances, for both Foundation, Key stage One and Key Stage Two, on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 10am. A letter will be sent home to allow you to request tickets for this event.

### **Pantomime Trip**

Our Key Stage Two children, P5-P7, will be travelling to the Grand Opera House in Belfast to see the pantomime, on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December. We are all very excited to travel on the train and to see the show!

### **Toy Fair**

We know that Christmas can be an expensive time of year and we want to help where we can.

We have had nearly new toys donated to us and these will be available on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December from 9:30am. The toys are available free of charge to those who need them.

### Contacting School

Please do not hesitate to ring school or email if you need to get in touch for any reasons

[jlyons481@c2kni.net](mailto:jlyons481@c2kni.net)

### **A Christmas Win!**

We are delighted to announce that we have been chosen by Moy Park to receive funding to host a Christmas party for our pupils!

Thank you to those parents and friends who nominated us for this prize.

Our Primary Six pupils are currently working on a plan to deliver a super day for the whole school. All within budget of course!



## Open Day

Do you have a child ready to start P1 in September 2024? Do you know a neighbour or friend with a child starting P1 in September 2024?

We would like to invite everyone to join us on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January, between 2pm and 6pm for Sunnylands Primary School Open Day. This is a great opportunity to see all that our school has to offer to children starting Primary One and beyond.

We'd love to see as many little ones, and their parents, as possible, come and visit and see the benefits of joining our Sunnylands family.

## P1 Admissions

**Is your child due to start school in Sept 2024? Do you know a child who is due to start?**

We would encourage you to complete a pre-registration form so that we can remind you when to complete the online registration.

**DIGITAL ADMISSION on EA Portal**

Opens 9<sup>th</sup> January @12noon and closes 26<sup>th</sup> January @12noon.

## Strike Action

I wish to make all parents aware that teaching unions have informed their members, and the media, that there will be a further 4 days of strike action in the Spring Term.

Please note that we do not receive any more advance notice of these dates than the general public. We will inform parents as soon as we are aware of the dates and the impact this will have for our school.

Thank you for your understanding.

## CLUBS

All clubs finish for this term on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December.

A new note for clubs will be sent in the New Year.

Breakfast Club will continue to run as normal throughout the remainder of the term, including Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December.

## Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Jumper Day will be on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December, costing £1. Normal uniform should be worn with a Christmas jumper. All money raised will be for school funds.

## Christmas Dinner

The school canteen will be having Christmas dinner, a roast dinner, on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December, the same day as Christmas Jumper Day. Those pupils entitled to Free School Meals will not have to pay for this meal, the cost of this meal for others wishing to take dinner will be £2.60 and should be paid on Monday, with other dinner money, as usual.

## Contact Information

If you change your telephone number or address, please remember to tell the school office. It is particularly important to change your telephone number so we can contact you in an emergency. Thank you.

## Absences

If your child is off school for any reason, please let the office know so that we can keep an accurate record of attendance.