



## Welcome to the March/April edition of Sunnylands News!

Spring is here! Let's hope we get some lovely weather as we move into this new season.

We have had a busy start to this half term with the Book Fair and a great celebration of World Book Day.

Thank you to everyone for your support!

Please pay close attention to the 'Dates for your Diary' to keep up to date with holidays etc.

*J. Lyons*

## Dates for your Diary

17<sup>th</sup> March: Pupils will finish school at 12:30pm.

Lunch will not be provided. There will be breakfast club.

18<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> March P7 Residential Trip to Shannaghmore

4<sup>th</sup> April pupils finish at 1pm after having lunch

11<sup>th</sup> April Pupils finish at 1pm for Easter. Lunch will be provided.

Easter Disco 10<sup>th</sup> April

14<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> April Easter Holidays

Please DO NOT drive into the school grounds to drop off or collect your child, park outside and walk in. This is for the safety of all children and I would urge you to adhere to this request!

If your child attends breakfast club, they should not arrive until 8am. Pupils should enter through the Senior gate and follow the path to the breakfast club entrance.

## Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April

Pupils will finish at 1pm having had lunch to facilitate a governor and staff meeting.

## Road Safety Quiz

A huge WELL DONE to four of our P7 pupils who travelled to Ballymena to compete in the Regional Heat of the Northern Ireland Road Safety Quiz. Matt, Lloyd, Charlie-Anne and Lexi all represented our school superbly. Their general knowledge was amazing!

Do you know which two countries share the longest land border? They did!!

## Dinner Menu

A new menu started after half term and has been published on the website. Check that your child likes the dinner before sending them along.

## Mobile Phones

Mobile phones should not be brought to school as they cannot be accessed during the school day. If a pupil needs to be contacted in an emergency contact can be made through the school office.

If a pupil requires a mobile phone to ensure their safety when walking home the phone should be left, switched off, in the teacher's desk. The phone should only be switched on when out of the school grounds.

## EASTER DISCO

The Easter disco will be held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April

P1-P3 2pm-3pm and P4-P7 3pm-4pm. Costs £2

Children can attend school in their normal clothes

## EASTER Competition

Pupils are invited to design an imaginative Easter themed boiled egg – Egg Sheeran, Egg-ercise. Let your imagination take over!

Entries are £1.50 and should be in school by 8<sup>th</sup> April.

## Absences and Lateness

Please work with us to get your child into school on time each day, the school day starts at 8:45am 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.

An increasing number of children have attendance falling below 85% and this requires us to contact the Education Welfare Officer (EWO). Please work with us to ensure your child/children attend school regularly.

If your child is absent from school, please send a note the day they return to explain the reason. The EWO has visited school recently and is requesting that school and parents work to reduce the number of absences with no reason given. Please let us know why your child is off.

## Contacting School

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

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