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Newsletter - November/December 2020

Thank you for continuing to adhere to our social distancing rules. Please remember that face masks must now be worn once you enter the school gates (unless you are exempt for medical reasons). Please continue to reinforce the importance of good handwashing and hygiene routines at home.

Charity

Thank you for sending food donations for the Harvest Assembly. Your donations have been greatly appreciated.

Christmas Jumper Day

This will be held on Friday 11th December. Children can come to school in their Christmas jumper and donate £1 to the Save the Children Charity.

PTA

The PTA will be holding a number of fundraising events throughout the year. You will receive the information about these via Seesaw and we would encourage you to participate as much as you can. Each event raises much needed funds for our school and helps to enhance your child's educational experience.



Christmas Concert

As we are unable to invite parents into school for our Christmas Concert this year, each class has decided to perform a "virtual" short concert which will be sent home via Seesaw and put onto the website. We have decided to do this so the children can experience taking part, despite the restrictions, and also so that you do not miss out on seeing your child perform! As with previous years, you will be able to purchase a ticket for £1 which will be payable online through Schoolmoney.

Absence Notes

Please remember to send a note to the class teacher giving a reason if your child has been absent from school. The Education Welfare Officer visited school prior to half term and carried out an audit of attendance during September and October. Reasons for absence are important and they are reviewed during the audit. Parents of children whose absence level is a concern will be informed.

Nursery and Primary 1 Admissions for September 2021

The application process will open on 7th January 2021 at 12.00noon and close on 29th January 2021 at 12.00noon.

The parental admissions portal will go live on Thursday 7th January 2021 and can be accessed through the Education Authority's www.eani.org.uk website. Parents will be able to submit their online application form here and upload the documents required.

Information on our school criteria will also be available through this EA website.



Unfortunately, due to current restrictions, we are unable to hold our usual open days for prospective parents. Instead we will be making a short video which includes a virtual tour of our school and this will be put onto our website for parents to view. Your child's teacher will be in touch with more information.

School Dinners

As there is considerable administration connected with school dinners, parents are reminded of the following:

- **All meals should be booked online by the Sunday evening.**
- Dinners are currently £2.60 per day for P1-3, £13.00 per week.
- Free school meals can only be supplied when we have received notification from the Education Authority.
- Special diets due to medical conditions or for religious reasons can be supplied only if an official form has been returned.





Reminders

- **Parking**
Please show consideration for residents, staff and other parents when parking. We continue to receive complaints regarding parking in the area and the Community Police have been patrolling the streets around the school.
- **Absence due to COVID-19**
Please inform the school immediately, either by email or phone call, if your child's absence is related to COVID -19 in any way.
- **Holidays**
School will close 11.40am- 12noon on Friday 18th December for the Christmas holidays. Dinners will not be served. Monday 4th January is a Staff Development Day and pupils should not attend. Term 2 will begin for the children on Tuesday 5th January 2021.
- **School Closure – Emergency Situations**
In the event of the school being unable to open due to an emergency, or a class “bubble” having to isolate, information will be sent through the Seesaw App and will also be made available on the school website: www.dundelainfants.co.uk

Thank you for your continued support,

S Wilson
Principal

