



Welcome to the January edition of Sunnylands News

Welcome back to school, after the Christmas holidays, I trust everyone had an enjoyable break and that Santa visited!!

We have another busy half term ahead in school and I would ask you to carefully read and keep this newsletter as a reminder of updating dates and events.

In particular, I would ask you to support our relaunch of healthy eating and lifestyle.

Mrs J. Lyons

Dates for your Diary:

Parental Interviews

Tues 6th/Wed 7th/Thurs 8th February

Pupils will finish at 12:45pm Tues 6th – Fri 9th February to facilitate this.

Half Term

Mon 12th – Fri 16th Feb

Primary 7 Bushmills Trip

Mon 26th Feb – Thurs 1st Mar

NEW YEAR, NEW YOU !!!!

We are relaunching our healthy eating initiative in school at the beginning of a new year.

We already have a healthy eating policy within school to encourage our children to take responsibility for eating healthy food and we want to continue to help our pupils to make healthy choices. Encourage your child to think about the items they bring for both break and lunch.

We would also encourage you to think about how much your child brings for break, this should simply be a small mid-morning snack. We will be working alongside Tesco to deliver a healthy eating programme.

The Daily Mile

We will also be setting aside time each day for children throughout all year groups to complete a daily mile by walking around areas of the school grounds.

Primary One Applications

Application forms for children wishing to enrol in Primary One for September 2018 must be with the school office by **12 noon on Wednesday 10th January** (this Wednesday), any applications received after this date must be treated as a late application. If you, or anyone you know, has a child due to start in September please ensure the form is with the office as soon as possible. If you require assistance completing the form please call into school.

After Schools

Letters with information about our after schools programme were sent home on Friday, these now also include clubs for Primary One. Please ensure that you complete and return these to Miss Hamilton (teacher in charge of after schools) as quickly as possible, some of our clubs have a limited number of places and are therefore allocated on a 'first come first served' basis. We continue to provide a wide range of activities for all year groups despite a reduction in funding available to us.

Secretarial Staff

We have a new member of staff working in the school office. Mrs Simms will be working alongside Mrs Cooper over the next few weeks in preparation for Mrs Cooper's maternity leave.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club started again on Monday 8th January, providing breakfast of cereal, toast, fruit, yoghurt and a drink to any pupil **FREE OF CHARGE**. Breakfast is available from 8:00am – 8:30am. Come along and give it a try!

NSPCC – Speak Out, Stay Safe

The NSPCC will be in school on Thursday 11th January to speak with all our children on how to stay safe. I would encourage you to use this opportunity to speak to your children about keeping safe.

Stranger Danger

I am sure you are aware of a recent incident within our local community when a young child was approached by a stranger, this child had listened carefully to the stranger danger message and, thankfully, managed to run away. Please remind your child not to talk or go with strangers, staying with groups of friends will make them less vulnerable.

DINNER MONEY

School Dinners cost £2.60 per day and I would encourage you to ensure that, if your child pays for dinner, the money is paid promptly to school **each Monday** morning to avoid unnecessary administration.