



Mitchell House School Newsletter

From school to home, keeping you informed.
September 2017



Welcome back to a new school year. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself, Miriam Donnan. I am delighted to be taking up the post as Principal in Mitchell House School. Some of you may remember me during my time in Mitchell House as a teacher and Vice Principal from 2007-2014. Special Educational needs is my passion and I am excited to lead the school in the best interests of our inspirational pupils. Everyone has made me feel really welcome and I am looking forward to getting to know the pupils over the coming days.

If you have a question or concern, please do not hesitate to contact me using the details below.

Important Dates

- 22 September – Jeans for Genes – non uniform (£1)
- 20 October - Prize Day
- 26 October – Halloween Sale and Disco
- 30 October – 3 November Half Term

Uniforms

Please remember to label **all** items of your child's uniform.

Do you have an old uniform (jumpers, t-shirts, trousers) from last year that you don't know what to do with? Please send them into school with a note attached. We will add them to our 'spares' cupboard.

School Day

- Our school day is from 9.00am – 3.15pm.
- Pupils can be dropped off at the front door from 8.50am.

Non-uniform

Support Jeans for Genes Day on Friday 22 September by wearing non-uniform and paying £1.



Sickness

Please complete a sickness slip at the back of the homework diary when your child has been off ill. It is important that we have a record of each absence.

Swimming

Swimming will start on Tuesday 12 September. Mr Cleary will send notes home to inform you when this is due to start for your child.



Money

Please send payment into school for Healthy Break - £12. Post Primary Pupils should also bring Home Economics money £15. Ensure money is labelled.

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After School Clubs

Watch out for more details over the coming weeks about when clubs will start.

Mr Kennedy and Mr Cleary are the new co-ordinators for Extended Schools.

Welcome

We would like to welcome some new staff to our team:

- Mrs Murphy is a new teacher in our Post Primary Department
- Miss McCay will be starting mid September to cover Mrs Thompson's maternity leave
- Siobhan Craig will be working in the office covering Alison Miller's maternity leave
- Claire McIlwaine is a new General Assistant in Nursery



Goodbye

Sadly we will be saying good-bye and happy retirement to some of our staff over the coming weeks:

- Mrs Hewitt has worked in the school for over 10 years as HE, Art and LLW teacher. In the past 3 years Mrs Hewitt has been Acting Vice Principal.
- Yvonne McKee and Christine Crawford are two of our long serving Classroom Assistants who have worked tirelessly for the pupils over the years.

We will miss their experience and expertise around school.

Regular outings

Primary

Donkey Sanctuary visits will start soon.
Nursery pupils will attend for the first block.

Post Primary

Workforce starts Friday 8 September
BMC starts Wednesday 6 September



Friends of Mitchell House

Would you like to give something back to our school?

We have a Friends committee that organise charity events to raise money to fund, for example, Music Therapy and the school mini-bus.

Please contact mdonnan748@c2kni.net for more information.



Clubs

- We will be running clubs on a Monday afternoon from 2.35pm-3.15pm. Pupils will have an opportunity to do a variety of activities, for example, craft, during the school year. The clubs will be a mixture of pupils from each class giving them an opportunity to get to know pupils from different classes.

Diaries

There has been a delay from the supplier of our homework diaries. We are expecting them to arrive early next week and will send them home as soon as they arrive. Apologies for any inconvenience.

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