



Mitchell House School Newsletter

From school to home, keeping you informed.
January 2018



Happy New Year

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and healthy 2018. We have lots of exciting activities planned over the coming months. Watch this space for more information.

Charities

Thank you to everyone who supported our charities over the Christmas period.

Christmas Jumper Day raised £67.50 for NI Children's Hospice.

Staff had two Coffee Mornings and raised £206 for Home of Hope (South Africa) and £114.40 for Crohn's and Colitis UK.

Goodbye

We said goodbye to two members of staff at Christmas – Miss Fraser (Class 3 Teacher) and Louise McClurkin (Classroom Assistant). We would like to wish Miss Fraser a long and happy retirement and give our best wishes to Louise as she takes up a new post.

The pupils said farewell to Miss Fraser in our Christmas Assembly. Miss Fraser and Louise will be coming back at the end of January for their official send off.

Important Dates

- Men Behind the Glass drama project – Fri, 19 Jan (Class 5, Dolphins & Eagles)
- Half term – school closes on Fri, 9 Feb (at normal time) & reopens on Mon, 19 Feb (normal day)

Christmas

Thank you to Solid Bond Scooter Club for donating Christmas gifts. Along with money from School Funds we were able to give every pupil in school a Christmas Present.

Santa made a very special appearance in school to deliver these gifts. Thanks for taking time out of your busy schedule!

Staff donated food items which were made into two hampers and raffled for pupils – well done to the lucky winners!

Our very own 'elf on the shelf' caused great excitement around school – if you were following us on Facebook you will have seen some of his antics. He might pay us a visit next year.

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Welcome

We give a warm welcome to Mrs Milligan who is taking up the Teachers' post in Class 3, replacing Miss Fraser, 5 days per week.

Drake Music

- We are delighted to be hosting a pilot project with Drake Music, the Ulster Orchestra and Queen's University. This is an exciting project involving a small number of our pupils. The project is aimed at pupils who find it more challenging accessing conventional musical instruments. They will be testing out various new digital designs.

Old Pound Coins

Old £1 coins are no longer legal tender. Please do not send them as part of a payment to the school office. They can be exchanged at your local bank for the new coins.

Shared Education

The Dolphins have started a Shared Education Project with Ashfield Boys.

This is a weekly drumming project which is sure to get their hands tapping to the rhythm!

Birth Certificate

Please ensure that we have a copy of your son/daughter's birth certificate on file. If there have been any changes to their surname or parental responsibility we need to have a copy of the official documentation e.g. Deed Poll

Changes to Contact Details

It is important that we have up-to-date contact details for you and the other people that you have listed as contacts.

Contact details include your address and telephone numbers.

This is vital in the case of an emergency, early school closure or if your child is sick.

Please contact the office on 028 9076 0292 or write a note in your son/daughter's homework diary.



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