



Mitchell House School Newsletter

From school to home, keeping you informed.
January 2020



Happy New Year

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and healthy 2020. We have lots of exciting activities planned over the coming months. Watch this space for more information.

Important Dates

- Half term – school closes (at normal time) on Friday 14 February and reopens on Monday 24 February (normal day)

Charities

Christmas Jumper Day raised £146 for NI Children's Hospice. Our Christmas disco day raised £100 for NI Cancer Fund for children.

Christmas

Thank you to Friends of Mitchell House who gave money to each class to buy a treat for the pupils, some classes bought gifts and others used the money for a special treat.

The Rotary Club provided a Christmas party for the Ducklings, Robins, Toucans and Swans. Magic George and Santa made an appearance!

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!

We won a £50 voucher in the Belfast Live Elf on the Shelf competition, thanks for your votes!

Dinner menu

- Our four-week dinner menu is available on the website for you to view. The school council have made some suggestions to the meals kitchen and over the coming weeks there may be some changes to the menu while we try out some different meals.

Healthy Break

Healthy Break money is now due for this term; remember you can pay in full for the year or term by term.

Our pupils are offered a healthy snack every break time as well as milk/water.

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Goodbye

- We said goodbye to Mrs Thompson who is off on Maternity leave until June. She has had a baby girl last week so huge congratulations to her.
- We are saying goodbye to Mr Smith at the end of January, we would like to wish him all the best in his new post.
- Miss McCay will be in the Starlings full time and Miss McKenna will be covering the Robins class from the end of January.

Donkey Sanctuary

The Robins thoroughly enjoyed their visits to the Donkey Sanctuary last term.

This term the Ducklings will be attending each Friday.

Did you know?

You can make a referral for your son/daughter to:

- Counselling – we have a counsellor in Primary (Kylie) and Post Primary (Orla) who will do lots of practical activities to address a wide range of issues for example: friendships, sibling rivalry, acceptance of disability, anxiety.
- Music Therapy – Conor our music therapist is with us weekly and can help to address a wide range of issues particularly using music to give a method of expression.

Speak to Miss Donnan to make a referral. If you are unsure if it would be beneficial to your son/daughter, please contact us for a chat.

Shared Education

We have a range of exciting activities happening over the coming months with our partner schools: Ashfield Boys' High School, St Joseph's Primary and St Joseph's College.

Sickness

Please remember that if your son/daughter is ill don't send them into school. We have a number of very vulnerable pupils and it is dangerous if they catch one of the nasty bugs going around.

Changes to contact details

It is important that we have up-to-date contact details for you and your son/daughter's other contacts.

Contact details include your home address, telephone numbers and email address.

This is vital in the case of an emergency, early school closure or sickness.

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



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