

# ***Duns PS Newsletter April 2018***



It is lovely to welcome everyone back for the summer term. Let's hope the weather remains dry and warm. The last term of the academic year is always busy with lots of exciting learning opportunities, trips and visits. Please find below important information and news of events from this month.

## **Scottish National Standardised Assessment (SNSA)**

The Scottish Government is introducing a new system of standardised assessments, called the Scottish National Standardised Assessments (SNSA), which will replace the variety of other standardised assessments that have been used until now in local authorities across Scotland. The new system will be delivered by all Scottish Borders schools and will involve all children at the P1, P4, P7 and S3 stages of their education, focusing on aspects of reading, writing and numeracy.

Over the course of the next month we will be carrying out these assessments to all children in P1, P4 and P7. A separate information letter has been emailed out to all parents and a paper copy has been sent home to all pupils in P1, P4 and P7.

For further information, the Scottish Government have created a dedicated website at [www.standardisedassessment.gov.scot](http://www.standardisedassessment.gov.scot)

## **Localities Bid Fund**

We are delighted that we have been successful in our localities bid and have been awarded £29,000. A huge thankyou to all who voted!

## **Late Arrivals.**

Please remember that all children who arrive late must report to the school office before going to class.

## **Curriculum Overviews**

Curriculum overviews for this term will be sent home on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April. This outlines key learning for this term. A copy will also be available on our website in the class pages section.

## **Global Citizenship Group**

Our Global Citizenship Group are working in partnership with Edinburgh Direct Aid, which is company that sends aid directly out to countries in need, such as Syria. We are looking for you to bring in any unwanted but quality items that could be used by people who are in crisis in these countries. We are looking for the following items:

- Clothing for men women and children
- Toiletries
- School Supplies

If you have any of these items and you would like to donate them, please bring them into school.

## **PE Kit**

This term all pupils will be outside for PE and will require outdoor PE kit trainers or sturdy gym shoes.

## **Library Donations**

Our new library is taking shape however we would greatly appreciate any donations of books to increase our stock.

## **School Garden**

This term we are working on developing our school grounds. We would appreciate any donations of old CDs/ discs and wellies to make boot planters, and also any spare compost and plants. We are working on making the nursery garden a more exciting place so we will be decorating the CDs to hang on the fence to create a chill out zone. We will also be planting up welly boots to hang on the fence.

## **Primary 7's Business and Enterprise week**

This will be the week beginning 21st May. The Primary 7's will be selling a variety of products available for all pupils to buy with prices ranging from 50p-£2.

## **Cash for Kids**

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in our non-uniform day at the end of term. So far this year we have raised £505 for Cash for Kids. We are face number 32.

### **School Car Park**

It is disappointing that some people are still using the car park in an irresponsible manner. Many parents choose to drive their children to school and this means that the car park can become very congested and it can be difficult for the buses to actually enter and drop children off safely. We would encourage all parents and carers to walk their child to school or to adopt a park and stride approach.

Please note that there is no parking for parents provided on the primary school campus. The car park at the top of the hill is for staff only. There is **no access** to the road leading up to the swimming pool / school staff car-park **between 8:30 to 9:00am and 3:15 pm to 3:45 pm (Monday to Thursday) and 12:45 until 1:15pm (Friday).**

The school buses have had problems coming into the car park at the bottom of the hill. This car park is not officially managed by the school but it is the main SBC designated car park for school transport to safely drop off children travelling by bus.

SBC and Police Scotland will continue to monitor the situation and we urge everyone to consider the safety of our children.

### **Communication**

Please continue to follow us on Facebook, Twitter and visit our website

[www.dunsprimary.org.uk](http://www.dunsprimary.org.uk)

### **Summer Weather**

Hopefully the weather will continue to improve as we move into the summer season. Please ensure that your child comes to school with appropriate clothing for the season. Children will still require a coat everyday and on warm days we recommend children bring hats to school and have sun cream applied before coming to school.

### **Mobile Phones**

We recommend that pupils do not bring mobile phones to school. We appreciate that at times older pupils may require them for after school communication.

Should your child bring their phone to school they must be named and handed into the school office or to the class teacher during registration for safe keeping.

### **Up-cycling Uniform**

We urgently need a supply of school clothing, in particular red jumpers for older pupils for our surplus uniform stock. If you have any items that you no longer need we would appreciate any donations.

### **Online Safety**

Unfortunately we have been experiencing ongoing concerns regarding some of our pupils' use of online devices and this is an important area of learning. Further information for parents and carers on how to help support and protect your child using devices can be found by visiting:

[www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

### **Class Assemblies**

Over the course of this year each class will be leading an open assembly in which we warmly invite you all to attend. Our assemblies are on Thursday afternoons starting at 2:25pm. Dates for class assemblies are as follows:

26<sup>th</sup> April- P5/6H

3<sup>rd</sup> May- P4T

24<sup>th</sup> May- P6M

31<sup>st</sup> May- P2F / P2M

7<sup>th</sup> June- P3/4G

Please note that P2M assembly will now be joint with P2F on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> May.

### **Uniform Ordering**

A reminder that we have an online system for ordering uniforms. These can be ordered from the link below [www.beschoolwear.co.uk](http://www.beschoolwear.co.uk)

and following the online instructions. Information on how to order can also be found on our website under the school uniform tab. Please note there has been a change to the delivery of uniforms. Orders can no longer be sent to school and there will now be a £2.50 delivery to home 10 - 14 days after order. As of April Border Embroideries have informed us that there will be a 50p increase to all school uniform items.

### **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Mrs Murray on the safe arrival of her baby girl called Jemima born on the 24<sup>th</sup> April weighing 10 pounds 10  $\frac{1}{2}$  ounces.

## Dates For Your Diary

### Summer Term

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April** - All  
resume

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April**- P6/7D  
assembly

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April**- P5/6H  
assembly

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**- P4T  
assembly

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May**- Staff in  
service day

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May** - May Day  
holiday, school closed

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May**- P6  
Rugby Festival

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**- P5  
Countryside Day

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**- Parent  
Surgery

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May**- P6M  
assembly / P7 PE Transition  
Day at BHS

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May**- Casual  
Holiday

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> May**- P2F/ P2M  
assembly

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June**-Global Café  
Event

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June**- Sports Day

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June**- P7 BHS  
Induction Day

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June**- P7 BHS  
Induction Day

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June**- P3/4G  
assembly

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June**- Back up  
Sports Day

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June** - Early  
Years Open Evening

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June**- P7  
leavers assembly (2pm)

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June** - Last  
day of term for pupils and  
staff

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