

Dens Road Primary School News Update 77 Dens Road Dundee DD3 7HY

Head Teacher: Mrs A McDonald

Email: densroad.primary@dundeecity.gov.uk Tel:01382436368 Fax: 01382436372

Note from the Head Teacher:

Dear Parent/Carer,

Happy New year to all of you and welcome back to what is already a very busy term.

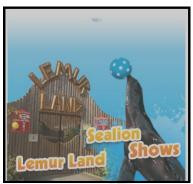
Lots of the children have been sharing their Christmas news and it would seem that Santa has been very generous once again.

Toys, games, cards etc.

Can I ask you once again to make sure the children do not bring in toys etc. from home as we cannot be held accountable if they go missing, are broken and in the worst case scenario become a temptation to less fortunate children.

Thank you very much for your support in this matter.

Ann Marie McDonald





Attendance , late drop offs and pick ups!

As I have mentioned before a big part of my job as a Head Teacher is to monitor attendance at school. As a school we take this very seriously. I am glad to say that many of those parents whom we had to speak to have worked very hard to ensure there is a marked improvement however, in some cases coming to school on time and being picked up on time is becoming a very serious issue.

It is extremely important for a child's self esteem and sense of inclusion to be in a routine for school which reflects that of their friends and obviously it is a life skill they need to learn to discipline and organise their time as they grow up.

I will be monitoring this very carefully this term and will be in touch directly with individuals if there is a pattern forming.

What is coming up:

- Primary 7 are taking part in activities to inform them about the Holocaust. This will be happening throughout this month with various out of school trips. I have no doubt that this will be a great learning experience for all of the children and the staff and lots of follow up work will be done in class.
- Praise Assemblies will be held every Friday morning. Thank you to parents who have been emailing me or telephoning the school to share their pride regarding their child's achievement outside of school. We have been able to present these children with Praise Certificates at Assembly and it is a delight to the see the surprise on your child's face!
- Summer Trip to the Blair Drummond Safari Park. This year we would like the whole school to take part in the same trip to the Blair Drummond Safari Park.

Details will be out shortly and we will try our best to supplement the cost by at least £1 per child out of the school funds.

Please note in bold italics any changes and/or cancellations.

2012

January

Thursday 5 January 2012 School re-opens

Tuesday 10 January 2012 3.15 – 4.15 SMT Open Door

Tuesday 17-19 January 2012 P7's Drop in Afternoons

Monday 23 January 2012 Beginning of Scottish Week Tuesday 24 January 2012 11.00 am P2a1 Assembly

Thursday 26 January 2012 6-8.00

6-8.00 pm Scottish Evening POSTPONED

Tuesday 31 January -2 February 2012 P6 Drop in Afternoons

February

Tuesday 7 February 2012 11.00 P6a1 Assembly
Tuesday 7 February 2012 3.15 – 4.15 SMT Open Door

Thursday 9 February 2012 In Set Day

Friday 10 February Mid Term Holiday
Monday 13 February 2012 Mid Term Holiday
Tuesday 14 –16 February 2012 P5/6 Drop In Afternoons
Tuesday 21 - 23 February 2012 P4 Drop In Afternoons

Tuesday 21 February 2012

7 o'clock Parent Council Meeting

Tuesday 28 February – 1 March 2012 P4/5 Drop In Afternoons

March

Tuesday 6 March 2012

Tuesday 6 - 8 March 2012

Tuesday 13 - 15 March 2012

Tuesday 20 March 2012

Tuesday 27 - 29 March 2012

Tuesday 27 - 29 March 2012

P1 Drop In Afternoons

P2/3 Drop In Afternoons

11.00 am P4/5 Assembly

P1 Drop In Afternoons

Friday 30 March 2012 Easter Fun Day

Friday 30 March 2012 3.15 School closes for Easter

April

Monday 16 April 2012 School re-opens

Tuesday 17 April 2012 3.15 – 4.15 SMT Open Door

May

Tuesday 1 May 2012 3.15 – 4.15 SMT Open Door

Monday 7 May 2012 May Day Holiday
Tuesday 15 May 2012 11.00 am P1 Assembly

Friday 25 May 2012 In Service Day

Monday 28 May 2012 Victoria Day Holiday

Friday 1 June 2012 Fun Friday – P7 – Day Out

June

Tuesday 5 June 2012 3.15 – 4.15 SMT Open Door Friday 8 June 2012 Fun Friday – P7 – 2nd Day Out

Monday 11 June 2012 Infant Sports
Tuesday 12 June 2012 Upper Sports

Wednesday 13 June 2012 Request a meeting with Teacher Thursday 14 June 2012 Request a meeting with Teacher Tuesday 19 or Thursday 21 June 2012 Whole School to Blair Drummond

Friday 22 June 2012 Fun Friday – P7 – 3rd Day Out

Monday 25 June 2012 Excellence Awards
Tuesday 26 June 2012 Prize Giving
Wednesday 27 June 2012 Leavers Assembly
Thursday 28 June 2012 School Closes 12 noon