



# Mitchell House School Newsletter

From school to home, keeping you informed.  
February 2020



## Half Term

Pupils will finish school (normal time) on Friday 14 February and return to school on Monday 24 February (also normal time).

When we return will be on Week 2 of the dinner menu. (Please note that the menu is subject to change). Have a lovely week off and keep safe!

## Important Dates

- **Wear red** for Chest Heart and Stroke (Valentines Disco) – 14 February – Voluntary contribution of £1
- Half term finish – Friday 14 February (normal time)
- Back to school – Monday 24 February (normal day)

## Charities

We presented cheques last month to NI Cancer Fund for Children and the NI Children's Hospice.

## Ducklings

The Ducklings new topic is all about People Who Help Us. They are looking forward to visits from the police, paramedic ambulance and possibly the fire service

## Annual Reviews

- Annual Review meetings will be held next month. Appointment letters have been sent home this week.
- Please make sure to write the date and time of your child's meeting in your diary. We look forward to seeing all of you at your scheduled appointment.
- A copy of the report will be sent home closer to the time for your consideration prior to the meeting.
- We would appreciate if you could return the parental contribution form as soon as possible.

## Shared Education

The Panthers and Falcons have started a project with Inverary Fold, Ashfield Boys High School and St Joseph's College.

They will be doing a range of fun and exciting activities over the next few weeks.

Watch this space!

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## Sparrows

The Sparrows can't wait to unpack a mystery suitcase in their classroom on 28th February. No, Summer holidays haven't come early, but we have invited Jenny Haslett, the N.I. War Memorial Museum Manager, to help us find out more about the Sparrows' 'World Around Us' Topic of WWII in Term 2.2.

We realise this hard hitting topic will certainly not be a 'holiday' for any of us, but the Museum assures us of a sensitive approach.

If a War Time object is not nailed to the wall of the Museum in Cathedral Quarter, it might well find its way into a mystery suitcase to come to a classroom near Sparrows.

## Choice Charity

We are delighted that Choice Charity have raised over £1500 to purchase a new specially adapted swing for our playground.

This allows our pupils to have fun on the swing in a safe and protected way with a supported seat and harness. Look out on Facebook for pictures when the swing is installed!

## SU

We are delighted to be starting a SU club on Thursday afternoons during club time. It will be open to pupils in the Swans, Starlings and Sparrows.

It will be co-ordinated by the staff from Scripture Union with a number of our assembly speaking joining us various weeks.

## Everest Base Camp

One of our Classroom Assistants – Zoe McGrath is taking part in a trek at Easter from Kathmundu to Everest Base Camp. She is doing it to raise money for four charities:

- Friends of Mitchell House
- The Mae Murray Foundation
- Bangor Salvation Army – Kids
- Sherpa children from mountain villages at Everest

We are very excited to follow Zoe's adventures as she trains and plans for her trip. She has set up a Just Giving page

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/zoe-mcgrath1> where you can donate. You can also find a link on our school Facebook page. Donations can also be sent into the school office marked as Everest Trek. Zoe really appreciates the support she has got from everyone so far.

## Drumming

We are looking forward to welcoming the Northern Ireland Piping and Drumming Association back to school this year for more workshops. They will be in school on Tuesday afternoons.

## Absences

If your son/daughter is off ill please phone the office to let us know, this helps us keep our records accurate.

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