

Charities

Staff held a coffee morning for Remap NI at the end of January. This is a charity who have used their skills to adapt a number of pieces of equipment to make them more accessible to our pupils.

NI Piping and Drumming

We are delighted that our weekly sessions have got underway. The Swans and Starlings are really enjoying their sessions.

There are some very energetic drummers!

Shared Education

Shared Education has got off to a busy start this term. Our Sparrows class are meeting regularly with their peers in St Joseph’s primary school. They are very excited that our very generous parents from Robin’s Hobby Café are hosting a Board Game Team morning for the two schools.

The Swans are very busy preparing to host their peers from St Joseph’s Primary. This will be a structured play morning with lots of fun activities organised.

The Colts are making weekly trips to Ashfield Boys to get involved in lots of activities with their peers.

Each week the Kestrels are hosting a group of pupils from Ashfield Boys for a joint LLW session hosted by the YMCA.

Important Dates

* Half term – school closes (at normal time) on Friday 15 February and reopens on Monday 25 February (normal day).

Internet Safety

We are celebrating Safer Internet Day on 6 February. We will be covering topics around the theme of ‘our internet, our choice - understanding consent in a digital world’.

Age appropriate activities have been selected for each class. In the world of digital technology, it is so important that we educate our pupils about keeping safe when online.

We would encourage you to check out the resources on [www.saferinternet.org.uk](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk).

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Mitchell House School

Newsletter

From school to home, keeping you informed.

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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.

School Office

Anyone who has visited school in the past few weeks will have noticed a new sign in book, this is to meet data protection regulations.

It is very important that we know who is in our building and we keep the safety and security of our pupils as our top priority.

Also, if you are dropping your son/daughter off at school in the mornings, please allow a member of staff to take them to their class (unless you have made a prior arrangement to speak with the teacher).

When collecting your son/daughter early from school please report to the school office and they will arrange for them to be brought to you.

We want to encourage you to contact your son/daughters teacher if you have any concerns or would like to arrange to meet with them. It is really helpful if we know in advance of an early collection from school. This means staff can have their belongings ready for you arriving.

Head Lice

It is important to check your son/daughters head regularly for head lice.

If you need advice speak to your local pharmacist who can recommend treatment.

Shoe Box Appeal

Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Shoe Box Appeal. We were amazed to have 35 completed boxes to send off. Families in different countries will be very grateful to receive these presents at Christmas.

Thanks for your support.



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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 address and telephone numbers.

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. Thank you!



Did you know?

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

* Counselling – we have a counsellor in Primary (Kylie) and Post Primary (Claire) 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.