



SUNNYLANDS NEWS

July 2021

July edition of Sunnylands News!!

Wow, who would have thought we would have a newsletter in July! We have had such a different end to the school year that I thought I would communicate a few details for the next school year through the newsletter.

Firstly, we are thankful that all members of our school community, who had previously tested positive, have fully recovered and had minimal, if any, symptoms. I should point out that, despite rumours to the contrary, in all classes, except for Primary 3, cases were singular. We followed PHA and EA guidance at all times and due to our own risk assessments and swift actions were able to stop the spread. We have been remarkably fortunate in Sunnylands to have been able to give our pupils uninterrupted schooling, when school buildings were open, without any classes having to isolate until this point in late June. We have also been providing for our pupils when we were in two lockdowns and I am thankful for such a dedicated and hardworking group of staff who made this possible and went above and beyond to ensure our pupils had every opportunity to progress their learning throughout very challenging times.

Secondly, we have said 'Goodbye' to some members of our staff at the end of June. Miss Childs is retiring and Mrs Walsh is taking up a new post, closer to her home. We wish both Miss Childs and Mrs Walsh well in this new chapter in their lives. We have now restructured our staffing in Sunnylands in order to best meet the needs of all our pupils and below follows the staffing for the next academic year;

P1 Mrs McDonald (an early years specialist)

P2 Mrs Porter/Mrs McDowell

P3 Miss McConkey

P4 Mrs Beresford

P5 Miss Braniff

P6 Mrs Nelson (an experienced KS2/P6 teacher)

P7 Mr Smyth

Mrs McDowell's maternity leave will be covered by Mrs Silvestre, who has previously worked alongside our P1 children and therefore has great knowledge of the children.

Thank you for all your support in what has been a challenging year. I look forward to working alongside you in the next academic year. Have a great summer, I hope the sun shines!!

Mrs J. Lyons



P1 Mrs McDonald

P6 Mrs Nelson

Summer Schemes

We still have some places on our summer scheme, weeks of 19th and 26th July, breakfast and snacks provided. In order to book a place on this scheme, run by Activity NI login to their site @ activityni.co.uk and register. Spaces will be for those children who will be in Sunnylands in September, as the money is to assist with continuity in school for September. All year groups can now attend any week for as long as spaces allow.

The password you will need to access our school and register for a place is SUNNY2021. Please wear sunscreen.

I will be in school on Thursday 8th July and will be checking emails at intervals throughout the holidays if you need to get in touch for any reasons jlyons481@c2kni.net