



JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2018

We bring you 'Newsletter 3' of the 17/18 school year. We hope you are enjoying ALL the information that is on our website www.camphills.co.uk which is updated on a continuous basis.

Remember to take time to look at our website on a weekly basis as lots of information and dates are on this and only a further text reminder will be sent regarding dates etc... Each Monday the website's 'Ticker Tape' (red scrolling line) is updated with the main information needed for the week ahead - so it is very important that you do check this.

All calendar dates are also on the website so this allows everyone to plan ahead.

Since our last newsletter it has been a very busy few weeks - in **January & February** a variety of events and activities in and 'out of school' have been taking place:- have you looked at the numerous photos and videos on our website?

ALWAYS keep a close eye on your child's 'CLASS page' and on the main 'NEWS feed' - if you click on 'Latest News' you will see all posts added!

Here are some of the Website News Posts - during JAN/FEB!!!!

P1 & P3 Hip Hop Club
P4 French Club
P3 Football Club
P6 Viking Workshop
P1 & P6/7 Jujitsu
P3SG & P6JH DEC Attendance Cup winners
P7 talks from B'mena Academy & Slemish College
P2 Teddy Bear Day
P6AM Basketball with Peaceplayers NI
P2 & P4 Gymnastics
P2 Fruit Tasting
School Council Elections and the 2018 School Council
P6 Technology Day
P6/7 STEM Club
P1 Literacy Bags
P7 Road Safety Quiz participants
P5 Water Survey
Scripture Union visit P5
Trevor, our Lollipop Man visits P1

P3 make Post Boxes
P5 meet the Fire Service
Sustran - 'Ditch the Dark' day
January VIPs announced
Senior Boys Football
Senior Girls Hockey
Senior Girls Netball
P4 make Fruit Kebabs
P6/7 production of 'SCHOOL DAZE'
P7 Heartstart
JIGSAW - Meet Janice & lots of new information and courses
P6 Visit from the 'Dairy Council'
NI PEACE PROMS concert at the SSE Arena- including our Senior Choir
Internet Safety Day
Speech & Drama pupils entering Ballymena Festival
PTA Valentines Disco
Mrs Woods & Mrs Jamieson Retire!

JANUARY VIPs

We congratulate our January VIPs (Very Important/Impressive Pupils) who were presented with their certificates and their invitations to the Principal's TEA PARTY! **See photos & names on the website.**

P6/7 Production - 'School Daze'

On the evening of Thursday 1st February & afternoon of Friday 2nd February the Primary 6 & 7 pupils produced a fantastic performance of 'School Daze'! This was a brilliant success and once again another great event for the school - the pupils should all be proud of themselves!
Many thanks go to all the children involved along with Miss Scott, Mr Armstrong, Mrs Henderson and Mrs McCullagh who produced the show! Thank you also to all the parents who supported the show and bought tickets allowing us to send off a donation to Action Cancer. **The PTA raffle baskets also raised a further £200.00 for school funds. Thank you!**

PTA Events

Valentines Disco On Wednesday 7th February over 250 pupils danced the night away - raising £540.00 profit for PTA funds. Thank you for sending your child along. (See photos on website)

A further £200.00 this month was raised from the raffle baskets at the P6/7 show making the total raised since the start of January an amazing £740.00!! A big thank you to everyone for supporting the PTA events and also to the group of parents who make all these events possible as without these parent volunteers such events wouldn't be possible!

N.I Peace Proms & Ballymena Music & Speech Festival

Our Senior Choir (P5/6/7) is taking part in the N.I Peace Proms in the SSE Arena on Sunday 25th February - this is a sold out event where our choir will be joining other school choirs from all around N.Ireland and taking part in a musical extravaganza! Look out for photos/videos on our website after the event!

A group of children from P3-P7 are also taking part in the Choral Speaking part of Ballymena Music & Speech Festival later this month and into the month of March - and we wish them the best of luck performing their poems. (See their photos on the website)

ATTENDANCE CUPS

The school attendance cups for the month of December were won by P3SG & P6JH and in January were won by P2LA & P6AM. Well done to these four classes who have all received their 'homework pass' to use for a night this month. As we start off the New Year I would ask everyone to remember 'Attendance Matters' and that school attendance is monitored very closely. Each term the school meets with the Education Welfare Team and this month a very small number of parents have been contacted by the Education Authority regarding their child's attendance. If your child's attendance percentage is consistently sitting below 85% there is a possibility of court action along with a fine of up to £1000.00. Please remember if your child is off school and hasn't provided a reason for this a Dept. of Education 'Attendance Notification Form' will be given to him/her on their return which must be completed and returned to the class teacher. IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED THAT YOU CONTACT THE SCHOOL ON THE FIRST DAY OF YOUR CHILD'S ABSENCE TO LET THE SCHOOL KNOW WHY YOUR CHILD IS OFF. Also with Term 3 just around the corner please remember

that holidays taken during the school term are strongly discouraged.

On a positive note it is pleasing to see that on 31st Jan'18 our overall school attendance figure is sitting at 96.4% which hopefully can reach 97% by the end of the school year!

Please also remember the school day starts at 9am and all pupils must be on time in the mornings for school. A very small group of children are arriving after 9 o'clock and after ten past nine your child will be given a 'late mark' in registration.

Your support in this matter is very much appreciated by everyone.

Absence Notification note

Please always contact the school if your child is absent. You can also find a downloadable format of a note on the website to be printed off and completed when your child returns from being off school. Thank you!

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2018/2019 - will be posted on the website after Half-term.

Administration of Medicine note

You can also find a downloadable format of an 'Administration of Medicines' note on the website to be printed off and sent in along with any medicine that needs given to the child during the school day.

School Canteen Menus - available on the website

From after Easter/Term 3 all canteen menus will only be available online from our website.... Currently all P1-P4 pupils get a copy of this home on a weekly basis and not every child requires this. Therefore, from Term 3 if your child does go to the canteen and you wish to see what is on the weekly menu you will need to download this from the website.

REMINDERS:-

Mobile phone numbers, home addresses and photographic permission.

Please remember to update school on any mobile number changes throughout the year as we use

the text message service regularly to communicate with parents. Also, if you have changed address or wish to make any 'permission' changes to photographic or website permissions you have given us in the past please inform the school office.

School Uniform

Please remember all pupils should be wearing black school shoes and not trainers to school - We have noticed since Christmas a handful of pupils have been wearing trainers - please note these are not school uniform.

New School Uniform - You will be receiving pre-order information home in March regarding the purchasing of school uniform for the new school year - Sep'18. The school office deals with all orders, sales and returns etc.. and on a positive note many of you may or may not be aware that the cost of our school uniform is actually cheaper for most items when bought directly from us rather than at Select Kidz. When you receive your pre-order enquiry form we are asking parents to fill in what, if any, uniform you intend to buy from us. This is to help us build up an idea of the amount of stock we need to order in advance so that we have our 'open shop' from the school office in Term 3. We also have a PE Kit for pupils in Key Stage 2 (P5-P7) This kit consists of PE shorts, t-shirt and kit bag which all pupils wear during PE sessions. **PRIMARY 4 parents** please note this PE Kit will need to be ordered during Term 3 of Primary 4 in order to have it for the start of Primary 5. This will be on the normal school order form when you receive it.

Money Pouches

As parents regularly send money to school for various events and activities

we are reminding you that Camphill 'money pouches' are available to buy from the school office throughout the year.

These come in packs of 40 and an example is shown -

1 pack of 40 = £1.75,
2packs = £3.00
5packs= £7.00
7 packs=£10.00

CAR PARK REMINDER

Once again a reminder about following all car parking guidelines - thank you to the vast majority of people who do follow these guidelines. Currently Andy, our Building Supervisor has listed a few repeated car parking 'offenders' by number plates and if guidelines are not followed these cars will not be allowed into our grounds. Also I wish to remind everyone that school is a non-smoking environment so please refrain from smoking in the carpark.

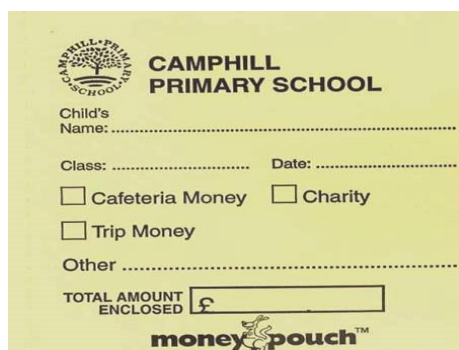
Thank you.

Internet Safety Day

Internet Safety day was held nationally on Tuesday 6th February 2018 - each year group in school completed activities about staying safe online. All this along with ESafety displays in every classroom hopefully has made the pupils of Camphill understand that staying safe online is very important. *(see website class pages for details)*

ONLINE SAFETY - SOCIAL MEDIA

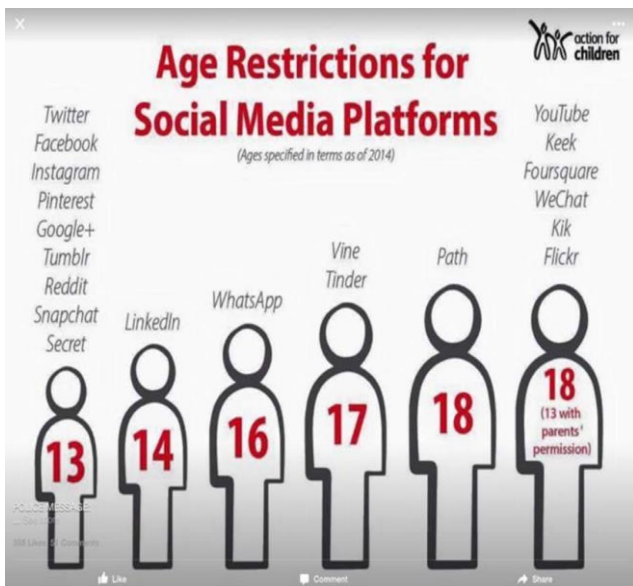
You will be aware of significant media attention given to this topic - this is a challenge for children, parents, staff and schools in general. Our E-Safety policy is in place and social media is referred to as we want to protect everyone within the school community from abusive 'behaviours' on-line. This is important to us and we will continue to ensure that our curricular programmes show children how to use IT appropriately and as safely as possible. As mentioned above all classrooms have ESAFETY rules on display and our C2K system is heavily 'filtered' to ensure children are safe both 'on' and 'off-line.' As a school if we feel that our children, staff or school are victims of Social Media abuse school has no hesitation in evoking the full rigour of the law. Please be aware that the school/Education Authority do not take matters like this lightly as it is unlawful for anyone to write something negative about a school or person online. Parents or pupils should not post malicious or fictitious comments on social media about the school or any member of



The image shows a yellow 'money pouch' form from Camphill Primary School. It includes a logo with a tree and the text 'CAMP HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL'. The form has fields for 'Child's Name', 'Class', and 'Date'. There are checkboxes for 'Cafeteria Money', 'Charity', and 'Trip Money', along with a line for 'Other'. At the bottom, there is a box for 'TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED' with a pound sign and a line for the amount. The 'money pouch' logo is at the bottom.

the school community. In such cases school will consider its legal options and the need to report the matter to the PSNI to deal with such misuse of social networking. The legal position of an individual posting content online is clear- he or she is responsible for that content.

Some of our Key Stage 2 pupils we know communicate with each other via 'Whats App', Instagram, Snapchat etc..... if these conversations do become inappropriate and are brought into school to be dealt with parents will be contacted. If your child is aware of social media sites please ensure you highlight to them how careful you must be with what is 'posted' at all times I would be encouraging all parents to monitor very closely how your child is communicating and what apps they are using. Your support in this matter would be



Online Safety Useful Contacts

If you need immediate help call 999 or contact local police in your area first on 101.

If you are a child or young person you can also talk to Childline by phoning 0800 1111 free 24hrs or go online at www.childline.org.uk

Useful websites

- www.ceop.police.uk Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOP)
- www.nspcc.org.uk/online-safety
- www.internetmatters.org.uk
- www.saferinternet.org.uk
- www.childnet.com/resources/uk-safer-internet-centre
- www.childline.org.uk

Useful telephone numbers

- Lifeline – support for those in distress or despair: 0800 808 8000
- NSPCC helpline – helping adults protect children free 24hrs a day 0808 800 5000
- Nexus NI – support for sexual abuse or sexual violence:
 - Enniskillen: 028 6632 0046
 - Derry/Londonderry: 026 7126 0566
- Child Sexual exploitation (CSE) - worried about a child contact NSPCC 0808 800 5000

appreciated.

TRANSFER PROCEDURE – Congratulations to all the pupils in P7 who achieved their AQE & GL results this month - the results did the school proud!

YEAR 7 AUTUMN 2018 (PRIMARY 6 parents)

Registration opens in May 2018 online or from the local Post-Primary Schools - (Primary 6 parents are invited to a Parents' Meeting in school on Tuesday 24th April where the Primary 7 transfer to Post-Primary system will be outlined.)

EVENTS & DATES TO NOTE

Dates for the rest of the year!

Dates for all events are on the website for the rest of the school year and will be continually added to - please check what is happening each month as we will only be sending out a reminder text message a day in advance of most main school events.

Rest of School Year HOLIDAY reminder

Half - Term

Friday 9th February - Friday 16th February 2018 (inclusive)

Easter

School Closes - Weds 28th March 2018 at 12noon

Summer Term

School resumes on Thursday 12th April 2018.

School closes Friday 29th June 2018 at 12noon.

Class Photographs

Class Photographs were due to be taken on our last Snow Closure day - these have now been rearranged for **Wednesday 18th April**.

Individual/Family Photographs

Ewan Harkness photography (Galgorm) will be in school on **Wednesday 14th March** to take your child's annual individual/family school photograph.

Please ensure you follow all instructions for ordering the photograph(s) which will be sent home on the day the photographs are taken. Family/sibling group photographs will also be automatically arranged on the day (for brothers & sisters in school only) (If you do not want your

child's photograph to be taken please let the class teacher know before these dates)

Parent/Teacher meetings – P2, P3, P4, P6 & P7 (separate dates will be organised for P5 - information regarding this will be sent home after half-term)

Parent/Teacher meetings have been organised for the week commencing Monday 5th March - Friday 9th March when school will close all week for all pupils at 2:00pm to facilitate this.

Please plan to attend your parent-teacher meeting where you will have the opportunity to discuss how your child is progressing through their current school year. **Text messages will be sent out to remind 'After School' groups of any time changes.**

Details will follow shortly after Half-Term.

World Book Day - Thursday 1st March

This year we are hosting World Book Day on Thursday 1st March. Pupils may dress up as a character from any book! A school **BOOK FAIR** will also be running in school on Thursday 1st & Friday 2nd March - details will follow shortly.

ECO- TEAM

The school Eco Team are looking forward to seeing SPRING arriving so that they can get out and about again in the school grounds! 'Charlotte' our Eco Mum is once again helping the team out every Wednesday along with Mrs Davis & Mrs McCullagh. We have some super ideas for our grounds and the playpark/butterfly wall area and would love to hear from anyone who would be able to offer to help 'make' or 'plant' things in the grounds!!! *Please let the office know if you can help out in any way possible.....*

DATE for your DIARY - We are planning (weather permitting) to have a whole school Eco Morning this year again on Friday 13th April where all classes will take part in planting, weeding, painting, tidying etc. around the grounds - this will be a non-uniform day for the whole school.

Outside Agencies



Jigsaw – New staff!

We are delighted to welcome 'Janice' to the Jigsaw team. After auditing the needs of our school we are widening the scope of the Barnados Jigsaw service and now start 2018 with a new worker and a new approach! From this term Janice and her team will proactively be seeking to offer parents and pupils a wide range of activities and courses.

All the information will be uploaded regularly to the school website and I encourage you to become familiar with the 'JIGSAW' page. Some activities planned before Easter are advertised below:-

New!!

Pilates class starting

on Thursday 22nd

February – 3pm-

4pm! Parent & child Pilates!



If you are interested or would like more information, please text Janice on 07935518393. Spaces are limited so sign up as soon as possible!

FESTIVAL OF LEARNING

TUESDAY 13TH MARCH from

2PM TO 4PM



The IFA in conjunction with the 'BEE Project' through

*K McMaster
(Feb'18)*



are offering anyone linked to Camphill PS the opportunity to achieve a Foundation IFA Grassroots Coaching Qualification FREE of CHARGE!

2hrs x 2 evenings 7pm-9pm on 15th & 22nd March 2018.... If you are interested please contact the School Office asap.

The logo of the Irish Football Association Northern Ireland, featuring a blue cross on a yellow background with the text 'IRISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION' and 'NORTHERN IRELAND' around it.

Foundation
IFA Grassroots Coaching Qualification
Camphill Primary School

- Aspects of youth football
- Why we play the way we play
- Importance of youth football

Register @ School Reception

Thurs 15th March
& 22nd March
7pm - 9pm (6:30pm - Tea/Coffee)
2 - 2hr Sessions

A cartoon bee character wearing a blue and yellow superhero mask and cape, standing on a green grassy slope.A group photo of several people, including a man in a white shirt and a woman in a blue shirt, looking towards the camera.

Finally, RETIREMENTS

Thursday 8th February sees Mrs Angeline Woods and Mrs Sarah Jamieson retire from teaching after over 31 and 32 years respectively. As a Camphill family we wish them well in their retirement and thank both teachers for their long service to Camphill PS. Both teachers have inspired hundreds of pupils to learn, planned thousands of lesson plans, have a career full of many memories and have changed so many pupils lives forever. We wish them a long, happy and healthy retirement from everyone at Camphill PS!

See photos on the website

