



# MAY/JUNE 2019

We bring you the final newsletter of the 18/19 school year.

We know that you are now very familiar with ALL the information on our website -

[www.camphillps.co.uk](http://www.camphillps.co.uk) and can see that to date this month alone we have 5744 views!!!

**As you know each Monday the website's 'Ticker Tape' (red scrolling line) is updated with the main information needed for the week ahead - this will be updated from mid August with the information needed for the start of term.**

School Holiday dates for the new 2019/20 year are already on the website and all calendar dates for the 2019/20 school year will be added in early September. This then allows everyone to plan ahead.

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

It has been a very busy Term 3 with a variety of events and activities 'in' and 'out of school' taking place:- There has been well over 170 items of 'NEWS' put up on the website during this final term!

**Pictures/information regarding:-**

**Class trips, Eco Day, Sports Day, P7 end of year activities, all classes day-to-day activities, prize winners from lots of event/competitions, VIPs, after school clubs, parent information & activities that were on offer along with lots of information on our 'COMMUNITY' page where all 'outside' information flyers are posted!**

Always remember to go into the 'LATEST NEWS' tab, 'CALENDAR' tab and individual 'CLASS' pages to see more items that do not necessarily show up in the main 'HOME' News page!

**'PFG' Fundraising Group - WELL DONE!**

Well done to all the mums on the 'Parent Fundraising' team who yet again organised such a successful Summer Fair! It was a real joy to watch all the fun activities and great chat going on as parents, children and friends supported this great event in our end of year calendar! We are most grateful to all the local businesses who sponsored this event and a special mention to K&G McAtamneys, LIDL, Dale Farm and The Grouse/The Countryman for being our main sponsors. Also our thanks to all the other businesses and parents who donated prizes and gifts - I know who you are, so thank you! ☺ Much to the school's delight we raised the amazing sum of £2230.00 on the night with a further £309.00 raised at the ECO Stall with all monies raised going towards our autumn/spring plants. Finally, I am delighted to share that the 'Parents Fundraising Group' from Sep'18-Jun'19 has raised the amazing amount of £6390.00!!!!!! What a remarkable achievement! Expenditure on items such as pupil 'red sack' presents at Xmas, Tuck shops/ Tea/ Coffee at events, Christmas Party food, Transport cost to the cinema at Christmas, Casey Creatures & Cromore Castles being at our Summer Fair totalled to £1625.00 giving us an annual fundraising total to spend of £4765 approx. which is absolutely fantastic! (***The majority of this money will/has been spent on new ICT equipment throughout the school (Ipads and Apple TV) along with new outdoor resources. It will also be used to pay the transport costs to the Grand Opera House in Dec'19 which we are estimating to cost around £1700.00***)

## **ATTENDANCE**

Home today with your child is his/her Annual Report and at the top of this document you will find your child's overall attendance percentage and the number of days recorded if they have arrived into school late. Please remember an attendance figure of 90% or less is concerning and if this drops below 85% there is a need for the school to contact Educational Welfare.

The school attendance cups for the months of May and June were presented this term (photos

on the website) and the award for the overall best annual attendance for 2018-19 went to P2JC (Best Class in FS/KS1) & P5LY (Best Class in KS2)! Both classes enjoyed their reward in the sun this week.

Our overall school attendance for the 2018-19 school year is **96.8%** which is just above the N.I average of 95.5% - please continue to be aware that this is 'in and around' the Dept. of Ed. acceptable figure.

100% Gold Awards will be presented to all pupils who have completed a full years attendance up to the 28<sup>th</sup> June at our first Assembly in September along with 99% Silver Awards being presented too.

### **Absence Notification note**

Please always contact the school if your child is absent. You can 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 2019/2020 -**

**are on the website!** School starts back for P2 - P7 pupils on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2019 with a 12noon finish on this date. There will be no canteen facilities on this date so please ensure all children have a breaktime snack with them. All children will then be home for lunch.

The new intake of P1 pupils start on a certain date (already arranged) throughout this week. For the pupils who travel by school bus please note services do not start until Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

School closing times of 2pm/3pm will be as normal from Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August onwards but with no canteen facilities available so please make sure your child has their own break and lunchtime snacks with them to school.

Breakfast club will resume from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September from 8:15am at a cost of 80p - along with all normal canteen facilities.

### **Please remember School Canteen**

**Menus** are available to download on the website A copy is also displayed on all the classroom doors.

### **School Milk**

Milk at breaktime will begin again in early September - more details will follow the first week back.

### **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

I would like to thank all parents for their attention to detail regarding our school uniform standards this year. We are very proud of the impression this gives to the community and within our school environment. I also appreciate the adherence to jewellery and hairstyle rules during term- time.

P4 parents are reminded of the PE uniform required from Sep'19 in P5.

All parents are also reminded as we start a new year that all uniform should be labelled! If an item of uniform is lost school cannot be held responsible and certainly cannot spend time looking for items especially when there are no names clearly marked on these items!

**If you still need to purchase new school uniform this can be done through the school office in August. Uniform sales will be accepted on Weds. 21<sup>st</sup> August & Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> August between 10-2pm and on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August between 10am -12noon.**

### **RECYCLING CLOTHING BIN**

Please remember when doing any 'summer clear-outs' or if you are wanting to throw out any old uniform to use our blue recycling clothing bin down at our front drive exit - we are regularly receiving around £20-£50 per month from your donations so thank-you!

### **EMAIL ADDRESS - Paperfree communication!**

From September we are planning to go paperfree with as much communication being sent home via email or the website as possible! All newsletters and general school letters we plan to email out to parents via 'PARENTMAIL'. We have recently requested email addresses from all parents and it is now assumed that all families have returned this 'update contact form'. This 'update contact form' has been added to our website enabling you to download and complete it if communication details change/need updated eg. mobile phone/email addresses/home addresses etc....

this then can be emailed directly to the school office or sent in with your child.

## **END OF YEAR**

Please check all school books have been returned to school as the cost to replace these items are an unnecessary loss to our limited school budget. If you do come across any school items over the summer please send them back at the start of the new school year.

Thank you!

## **SCHOOL CHARITY**

All 2018/19 charity donations made on your behalf from the school this year is now listed on our 'NEWS' section of the website What an amazing total - £2167.82!! Thank-you!

**We are also looking forward to seeing photos of the boys & girls in the school in Africa that we are supporting using our school pencils and pens. These will be presented/gifted to them inside all the pencil cases you have all been sending in this week - thank you to everyone!**

## **SCHOOL REPORTS/NEXT YEAR'S CLASS TEACHER**

School reports and a letter advising you of your child's class teacher in September 2019 are home with your child today. Your child's Standardised Scores in both Literacy and Numeracy have been included in the report (P3-P7 only) along with CAT 4 scores (P4 & P6 only) giving your child a score which helps school understand pupils' developed abilities and likely academic potential. These Standardised Scores are set by 'GL' Assessments and are N.I standardised. Your child's Literacy/Numeracy score if within a 'confidence band' of 10 from their CAT 4 score shows that your child is working in line with their ability. Our school Assessment Week was in May for P1-P7 children. This process takes place annually and progress is monitored for each child year on year. The teachers have taken the Standardised Scores and the quality of the year's work into consideration when ticking the achievement boxes on the report.

## **Staffing for 2019/20**

P1 - Mrs Smith & Mrs McMillan  
P2 - Miss Crawford & Mrs Archibald  
P3 - Mrs Glendinning & Miss Service  
P4 - Mrs McLarnon & Mrs McLaughlin  
P5 - Mrs Gray & Miss Young  
P6 - Mrs Henderson & Mrs McCullagh  
P7 - Miss Scott & Mr Todd  
SEN Support - Mrs Greer

Camphill PS is saying goodbye to Mr Armstrong this year - On behalf of the whole school community we wish Mr Armstrong all the best as he moves out of education and into new pastures. His personal dedication to his teaching career and to all the pupils he has taught over the years is a credit to him and one that many of us are very grateful for and for this we say Thank- you!

## **MOVING ON**

On Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June/tomorrow all pupils will 'move up' and meet their new class teacher in their new classroom. The name of your child's new class teacher as already mentioned is in an accompanying letter inside your child's school report.

## **END OF TERM**

School ends tomorrow, Friday 28th June at 12 noon. Tomorrow will be a non-uniform day. Breakfast club/canteen facilities at breaktime will be on as normal. The school bus will run at 12noon

## **Finally,**

I wish everyone an enjoyable, lovely summer - keep safe and enjoy lots of outdoor weather!! The 28<sup>th</sup> August will soon come around so make the most of this time with family & friends! Happy Holidays!

*K McMaster (June 2019)*



