

Newsletter

Strandtown PS



June 2018

Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to all parents who completed the questionnaire. You ranked our extra-curricular provision, the community spirit & teaching quality & leadership & management as outstanding & all other areas good/very good. The one area in need of development was the building, luckily, we have a £4 million investment already underway! Many of you took time to detail additional comments, the majority very encouraging & some very constructive for us to consider in moving the school forward for our pupils, for example the promotion of Healthy Eating. One plea: please don't wait for a questionnaire to express a viewpoint, issue or comment. A continual dialogue helps us to be most effectively responsive to the needs of every child.



Pupil Questionnaire

Our Year 7 pupils completed a questionnaire for ETI & they had discussions with our pupils. 99% of our whole year group said Strandtown keep them healthy, happy & safe! ETI representatives commented on how articulate & positive our pupils are & how engaged they feel about life in Strandtown.

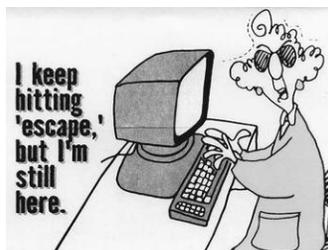
Building Update



Works are well underway & I will issue an email communication at the end of August with any update on what to anticipate on the first day back. For the duration of the build work classes have had to be relocated into the Art & Music rooms. Consequently, the library will have to serve some multi-purpose functions. All children will continue to have access to the library, however this will be timetabled on a less regular basis until May 19. Please continue to send your child to school no earlier than 8:40am.

Year 5 Parent Workshops

Thank you to the staff & parents involved in our literacy & numeracy workshops in May & June. Feedback has been really positive & we hope to secure further funding to replicate these next year.



Retirements

It is with enormous sadness that we say farewell to a number of staff who are retiring at the end of June. Mr. McClenaghan (Principal), Mr. Whitla (Head of Year 6), Mrs. Robinson (Head of Year 4) & Mrs. Millar (Year 7 teacher). Combined they have served over 90 years in Strandtown!

The whole Strandtown family extend thanks for their care & support of our children & wish them every happiness & many adventures in retirement. In May, I was ratified as the new permanent principal of the school.

End of Year

As the year comes to conclusion I want to acknowledge the amazing progress, hard work & contribution of all our pupils. They have completed end of year assessments & their outcomes will be reflected in their school report. However, as a whole school our standards have continued to improve, particularly in extended writing. Well done to all our pupils & thank you for your support & engagement in home learning.

Principal's Blog

As we bid farewell to many staff & many parts of our building, there is a sense that Strandtown is starting a new chapter. This holds exciting opportunities for all members of our Strandtown family. Thank you for your support of the school this year & I look forward to continuing this journey with you in Sept. I wish every child & their families a wonderful summer break.

V Hutchinson

Diary Dates

Autumn Term 2018– Back to School!

1st day of Autumn Term 2018: Friday 31st August. School will finish at 12:30pm. Please bring pack lunch as there will be no canteen facilities on this day.

Year 4 Curriculum Afternoon - 21/09/18 @ 1:00pm
Year 5 Parents Evening - 19/09/18 @ 7:00pm
Year 6 Parents Evening - 12/09/18 @ 7:00pm
Year 7 Parents Evening - 05/09/18 @ 7:00pm

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End of Term:

Fri 29 June @ 12:30pm

Return to School:

Fri 31 Aug finishing @
12:30pm