### **Stormont House School Matters**



## Our vision Achievement for all in a unique world-class school

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Reminder from our School Nurse - Parents / Carers please sign and return your child's Health Care Plan to her ASAP

#### Learning about Animal Habitats at London Zoo with Year 9

Mr Nelson has recently organised two school trips with Year 9 to visit London Zoo as part of their Science curriculum. The theme of the visit was 'Adaptions' - How do animals cope with extreme temperatures or defend themselves from predators? The students looked at how animals adapt to their environment both in the zoo and in the wild. They were introduced to the Meerkats (Slender-tailed) from the Kalahari Desert in Africa and were able to find out how they live as families, stand guard to protect one another from predators and how they take care of one another. The students also saw the colony of Humboldt penguins, they found out the following facts: they love cleaning themselves and their friends. When preening they gather oil from a gland in their tail and then apply this to their feathers – like penguin hair gel! / the penguins never chew with their mouth open because they don't chew at all! They swallow their fish head first / A Humboldt penguin can reach up to 30 miles per hour in the water! The Year 9's had a wonderful time at the zoo and came away with lots of interesting facts.





### Cookery Club at Stormont House - Wednesday After School Club







The cookery club at Stormont House started for the first time in October this year and has been inundated with students who want to be a member of the club. So far the students have made, Cheese on Toast, Pitta Pizza's, Jam Tarts and Chocolate Iced Fairy Cakes. All of the students have loved trying out new recipes with Ms Irwin and Ms Williams and have been able to take home their food to share with their families.

# Parents / Carers: Supporting Relationships and Behaviours Workshops

#### **Date Reminder**

The group will look at ways to support children around puberty, public and private behaviours, and relationship boundaries. The skills being discussed are crucial in developing independence and making sure children and young people are safe in the wider community.

Date Reminder:

Monday 12 November, 2018

Monday 19 November, 2018 Monday 26 November, 2018 Monday 3 December, 2018 Monday 10 December, 2018

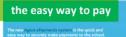
Monday 17 December, 2018

The parent / carer group will be held every Monday from 4 - 5pm. Students are welcome to stay at school and participate in the cricket club which takes place from 3.30 - 5pm.

# Agora ePayment System Coming Soon



Our school will soon be taking online payments for school meals



Watch this space for more information coming soon

### Rehearsals for 'Romeo and Juliet' - Shakespeare in Schools

For the last few weeks Year 8 have been rehearsing for their performance of 'Romeo and Juliet' as part of the 'Shakespeare in Schools Project'. The students have all worked hard to learn their lines in preparation for the final performance at Stratford Circus Theatre on Tuesday 6 November. Look out in next week's newsletter for pictures and news about the big performance.





### **Term Dates for your Diary**

**Year 12 Open Evening for Parents / Carers** 

Year 9-10 Parents / Carers

**End of Autumn Term** 

**Spring Term Start** 

**Spring Half Term** 

**Staff Training Day** 

**End of Spring Term** 

**Staff Training Day** 

Summer Term Start

**Summer Half Term** 

**End of Summer Term** 

Tuesday 13 November 2018 - 4.30 to 6.30pm

Thursday 15 November 2018 - 4.30 to 7.30pm

Friday 21 December 2018 - School closes at 1.15pm

Monday 7 January 2019

Monday 18 to Friday 22 February 2019

Monday 18 March 2019 - School closed to students

Friday 5 April 2019

Tuesday 23 April 2019 - School closed to students

Wednesday 24 April 2019

Monday 27 May to Friday 31 May 2019

Friday 19 July 2019