

## Stormont House School

Our school vision: Achievement for all in a unique world class school

### It's great to be back!

We've had a terrific first week back at school, even though some of our teenagers had a bit of trouble adjusting to term-time sleep patterns. A big welcome in particular to our new Year 7s, who seem to be managing the change to a new school very well indeed. I expect that there will be one or two teething problems along the way, but thank you to all parents and carers for making the start to term so successful.

There have been a few changes to the staff team: Mr Chambers (ICT) has left to explore new possibilities and Ms Cohen (Teaching Assistant) is advancing her studies. Clare Parkinson (speech & language therapist) received a promotion within her service, so unfortunately had to leave our team. Ms Carter is still not well, but hopes to return to school soon. So, please welcome Mr Cosgrove (Teaching Assistant), Ms Keavey (ICT, RE) and Mr Cravioto (PSHCE, Humanities) to the teaching team and Kathryn Middleweek to the speech & language therapy team! We have had many visits from last year's Year 11, who are going on to college courses. Many of these young men and women made exceptional progress in both their learning and personal development during their time here; good luck to them all!

### Our vision for Stormont House School in 2015

**Achievement for all in a unique world-class school**



### Contact Details

We must have at least **TWO** people named as emergency contact in case your child has an accident or there is another unforeseen emergency. Thank you to all parent/carers who have already provided details of any changes of address or telephone numbers. Please contact Monica in reception on (020) 8985 4245 if we do not have updated details for your child.

### Year 8 School Journey to Suntrap 14 – 16 Sept

On Wednesday 14th to Friday 16th September the Year 8 pupils are undertaking a residential journey to Suntrap Outdoor Activity Centre in Epping Forest as part of their Humanities course work. Pupils on school transport will be bought into school on Wednesday and returned home by transport on Friday afternoon. The members of staff accompanying this residential journey are Ms Whitbread, Mrs Napier and Ms Wosiak. If you have any questions about the journey please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Napier via the school office on 020 8985 4245.

## Free School Meals – We can help Make sure you claim!

As you know all pupils at Stormont House have a school dinner. Dinner money is £1.70 per day or £8.50 per week. Dinner money is payable on a Monday morning at reception. Please clearly mark your child's name on an envelope with the correct money if possible inside.

You can apply for free school meals if you receive one the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-based Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and your income is £16,190 or less (this figure changes each April).
- Working Tax Credit for four weeks after your employment finishes
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Support from the National Asylum Support Service (NASS)

If you receive any of the above and are not currently claiming free school meals please speak to Monica (Receptionist) who will be able to provide an application form and help you to complete it. Alternatively you can download a form from [www.learningtrust.co.uk](http://www.learningtrust.co.uk) or pick one up from The Learning Trust offices at 1 Reading Lane, E8 1GQ.

### How much money could I save?

If your child is entitled to free school meals, you could save on average £10 per week or £390 per year.

**If you complete a free schools meal application the school will also benefit by receiving additional funding. Please let us know if you need any assistance with your application.**

**If you are entitled to free school meals but do not apply, you must pay for school meals.**

## School Dates for your Diary - Autumn Term 2011

- Monday 5 September – Start of the Autumn term (INSET day)
- Tuesday 6 September – Pupils return to school
- Wednesday 28 September Year 7 Parent/Carer evening 6 - 7.30pm (appointments)
- Monday 24 – Friday 28 October Half Term
- Monday 31 October pupils return to school
- Thursday 10 November Parent/Carer Consultation Evening (4-8pm) (scheduled appointments)
- Friday 11 November Parent-Carer Consultation Day (scheduled appointments for parent/carers with pupils)
- Monday 14 - Friday 25 November Year 11 only Work Experience
- Friday 16 December school closes for Christmas Holidays at 1.15pm

## Term Dates for pupils

### Autumn Term

Tuesday 6 September **start of term**

Monday 24 – Friday 28 October – **Half Term**

Monday 31 October **pupils return**

Friday 16 December 2011 **end of term** (Pupils leave at 1.15pm)

**Spring term begins Wednesday 4 January 2012**