



Newsletter 20th January 2023



Dates for your Diary January – March 2022

Nursery and Primary 1 Applications	Portal is now open on EA website. https://connect.eani.org.uk/parent/ Applications to be made online between Tues. 10 th – Fri. 27 th January at 12 noon <i>Please note: Even if your child attends Sion Mills PS Nursery Unit, you still need to make an application for Primary 1.</i>
Parent/Teacher Meetings	These will be held on Monday 13 th February in the Assembly Hall.
Maths Week	Monday 30 th January – Friday 3 rd February
February Mid-term	Mon. 13 th – Fri. 17 th February
St Patrick's Weekend	Thurs. 16 th & Fri 17 th March

Mrs Harkin

We were all delighted with the news that Pearse Martin Harkin arrived safely on 11th January. Both Mrs Harkin and Pearse are doing well. It's quite likely we will meet Pearse in some weeks' time when his Mummy will bring him to meet her friends in Sion Mills Nursery and Primary School.



Mathletics

Congratulations to our latest winners of **GOLD** certificates. They are: **Bella Curran P4K and Troy Moore P5C**. Well done.



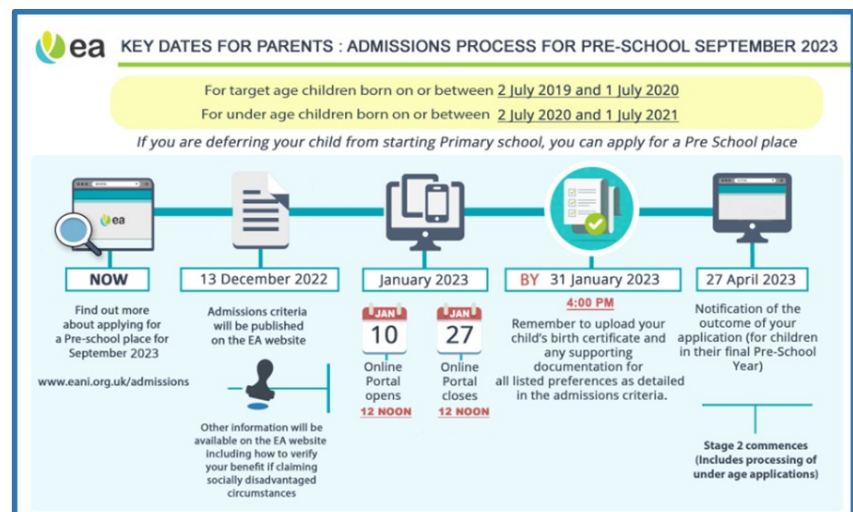
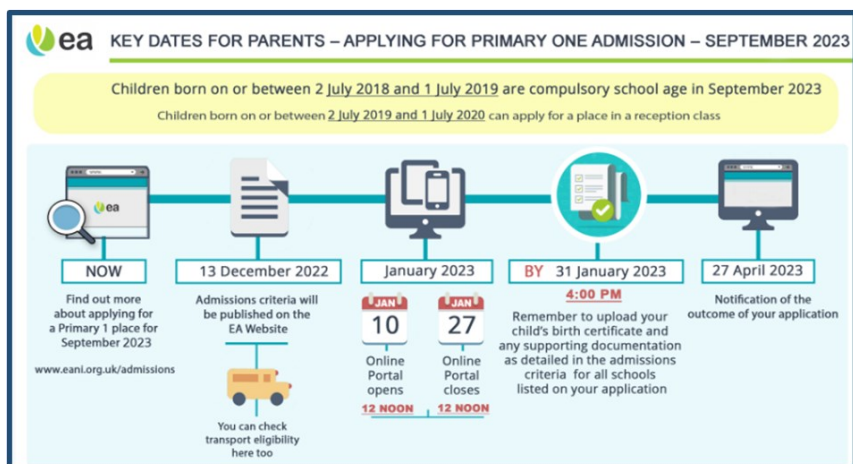
Mrs Kathleen Moore Retires

After more than 40 years as a lunchtime supervisor, Mrs Kathleen Moore, or Kathleen, as the staff and children know her, has decided to retire. Kathleen began her job in the original Sion Mills Primary School on the Melmount Road. It is an understatement to say that Kathleen loved her job;

her commitment, good humour and consistent attendance bears witness to this. It takes a special person who can come into a school during the day and fit into whatever situations are going on.

Lunchtimes and playtimes allow the children the opportunity to relax away from the pressures of the classroom, build positive relationships and have fun as well as eat. Kathleen always has a smile on her face and her patience with the children as she and her colleagues ensured everyone (over 200, daily) got their meal/lunch efficiently is quite amazing.

On Monday 23rd, the children are putting on a special assembly to mark this occasion and to make some presentations to Kathleen. We will miss her greatly and I know she will miss your children as well as her colleagues. Everyone wishes Kathleen a long and happy retirement.



Open Afternoon

Due to the snow showers on Tuesday 17th we were forced to cancel our planned Open Afternoon. We will hold it this coming **Tuesday 24th January** at **1.30p.m.** We would be grateful if you could pass this information on to anyone you think may be interested. See below for EA published reminders in relation to the application process.



Hand-writer of the Month DECEMBER

P1S	Emily Barr
SpLU	Cormac O'Kane
P1/2H	Evie Henderson
P2/3McE	Ollie-Jay Gallagher
P3L	Thomas McCaughey
P4/5K	Adam Craig
P5C	Rionnah Deazley
P6McG	Maya Catterson
P6/7C	Ryan Smirnov



CASH FOR CLOBBER FUNDRAISER



The Nature Ninjas have lots of new ideas for projects in our school. Some of these will need funds. You can help us by collecting all types of clothes, bags and shoes, hats and belts, towels, curtains and bed linen. These will be collected by the 'Cash for Clobber' company and recycled.

Last year we raised £200, let's see if we can do as well this year.

Bring your items into school in a **black bag** and leave outside the Youth-Wing door. Last day for collection is **Friday 10th February**.

Thank you for your support

The Nature Ninjas

Accepted	Rejected
Clean clothes	Soiled Items
Paired footwear	Single footwear (tie laces together)
Curtains	
Bed Linen	No actual duvets or pillows
Towels	
Belts	
Handbags	