

School News Oct 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 st	2 nd School Photographer P1's stay full day + can stay for afterschool activities	3 rd	4 th	5 th P5-P7 Swim	6 th	7 th
8 th	9 th P5-P7 Parkanaur	10 th P3+P4 Armagh Museum	11 th P5-P7 Armagh Rhymers workshop at 9am	12 th P5-P7 Swim	13 th Flu Vac	14 th
15 th	16 th	17 th	18 th P1+P2 Drum Manor	19 th P5-P7 Swim	20 th	21 st
22 nd	23 rd	24 th Harvest Assembly	25 th Assembly with Rev Hagan	26 th P5-P7 Swim	27 th	28 th
29 th	30 th School closed	31 st	1 st Nov	2 nd	3 rd	4 th

Upcoming events:

- Christmas Concert 14th December 7pm

Progress Reports

Progress reports are being sent home. These are an indication of how your child has settled into school after the first month back.

Please sign at the bottom of the page and return the **full** sheet to the class teacher.

These are for you to read only as we need to keep the full signed copy in school for our records.

Pupils' main class books will be sent home throughout the week. Please do compliment your child on their work to date. Sign and date the last page with work on it, so we know you've reviewed the work.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Please complete and return the attached sheet regarding these meetings, to help facilitate their organisation.

Face to face meetings are preferred.

For telephone calls: please ensure you provide the preferred number to be contacted on. Please note calls will be from a withheld number.

School will finish at 1:45pm for all pupils Monday 23rd October – Wed 25th October to free up the teachers for interviews.

Scallywags will still operate as normal Monday – Thursday until 4:30pm. You may book your child in and use the club whilst attending PT meetings after school if required.

Please book your child in, in advance.

Unfortunately, there will be no early bus at 1:45pm bus, but, if necessary, the bus at 2:45pm can operate with pupils attending Scallywags from 1:45pm – 2:45pm.

Harvest

We will have our annual harvest assembly in school on 24th October for our staff and pupils.

We have decided that it would be nice to give something to the local food bank on that day. If families could donate at least one item of non-perishable food e.g. tinned food, pasta, rice etc. or nappies, toiletries etc it would be really appreciated and passed on to the food bank. Thank you.

Friends of Stewartstown Primary School

Our parent group was a huge success again last year and the staff would like to thank everyone involved in the group for all their hard work throughout last year.

Money raised allowed us to purchase a new outdoor summer house and laptops.

The purpose of the group is to work alongside the school in organising fun activities for the children as well as fundraising for resources.

We are delighted that Jayne Montgomery and Deanna Magill have taken on the role as joint chair this year, and we wish them all the very best for the year ahead.

1st event = Hallowe'en Disco 26th October.

Save the Date: 1st December = Supper with Santa

More details to follow.

If you're available to help at events and would like your name added to the PTA whatsapp group, please let us know.

Earrings

Children are only permitted to wear stud earrings which, for health and safety reasons, **MUST** be removed for P.E. It is the parent's responsibility to remove the earrings before the child comes to school.

Morning Minding Club

Morning Minding Club runs each day from 8am. Pupils can come into their classroom and will be supervised by their class teacher. Unfortunately, we no longer offer breakfast, but pupils are able to bring their breakfast with them and eat in class if they wish. There is a £1 daily charge for this service, and pre-booking is **ESSENTIAL**. If we are not expecting your child, the staff may not be available to supervise with no notice!

Stewartstown Scallywags

Stewartstown Scallywags is available for all pupils across P1 – P7 Monday to Thursday at the rate of £4.50 per hour. Pupils will have the opportunity to complete their homework first and foremost, before having a snack and some play time. It is a fun club designed to help out our busy parents.

Scallywags closes at 4:30pm.

Please do try and help with the organisation of the club, by pre-booking your child in on a **Monday** by dropping us a text. Maxine finishes at lunch time, and if pupils are not booked in, she is not there for your child.

Full payment must be received upon collection of your child on the last day attending the club each week.

Award Winners

Principal Awards: Tom Watters, Stacey Rozite, Josiah Uprichard

Merit Awards: Sarah Parkes, Joel Watters, Ethan Simpson

Girl of the Week: Eva Morrow, Elizabeth Richardson, Gracie-May Newell, Kathryn Walker

Boy of the Week: Lorcan Kelly, Samuel Uprichard, Rhys Shannon

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Well done to all our P1 pupils who have achieved a Special certificate for settling in well to school life. 😊

School Fund

We are asking **every** family to continue to make the £1/week/family voluntary contribution to our 'School Fund'. With everyone contributing, it soon adds up, and helps us to keep additional costs to you at a minimum. It totals to £37 - £40 per family per year.

Every other school ask for payments for school trips, transport, swimming lessons, French lessons, visitors to school, books, resources for special days (Pancake Tuesday for example)... **WE DON'T!** Your £1 weekly contribution really does help our school and goes directly back to your child(ren). Please do help us out. Thank you.



Pipes and Drums

Pre-Covid we had pipes and drums tuition available in school for P4-7 every Friday afternoon. Every year since, we have asked for interest in resuming the lessons. If there was significant interest, we would look at offering this again this year. Please drop us a text if this is something you would be interested in for your child(ren). Previously lessons had been offered free of charge as we sought a grant to cover the costs. There may be a charge this year. Alternatively, Tullylagan Pipe Band offer a 20-week free course for over 8-year-old children and adults, running every Monday evening 6-7pm for beginners, or 7-8pm for advanced in Desertcreat Church Hall. Please contact margaret@breadyuldterscots.com for more information.

Cash for Clobber

Our purple bin located at the front door helps to top up our school fund and has proved to be very successful. Please help by bringing in the bin bags filled with recyclable products – clothes, shoes, handbags, curtains.

Easy Fundraising

To date we have received payments totalling over £1700 which is remarkable! **FREE MONEY!** Money is donated to us every time you shop online. All you have to do is register with easyfundraising.org.uk, select Friends of Stewartstown Primary School as your selected cause and then every time you buy something online, do it via the Easy Fundraising page. It is very simple and very effective. It does not cost you any more money and we do not get any information about what you bought or where you shopped. Imagine what we could get if every family joined! Please – next time you are shopping online (Asda, Tesco, Amazon, Ebay, Thomas Cook, Dorothy Perkins... the list is endless...) help get us some free money! Download the app today or visit the site.

