



# School News

December 2023



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				1 Santa Daily Mile Supper With Santa	2	3
4  CHRISTMAS SHOP	5 PANTO visit	6	7 P5-7 swimming badge week  P5-7 Relax Kids	8	9	10
11	12 P5-7 visit to Armagh Museum	13 P1-4 visit to St Mary's PS Stewartstown to watch their Nativity	14 P5-7 swimming fun day  P5-7 Relax Kids  Christmas Concert 7pm Please book your seats!	15	16	17
18 Open Morning 10am  Christmas Craft Please book your seats!	19 Christmas Dinner 1pm closure for all	20 Christmas Movie Night 6:30pm	21  11am finish Non-Uniform Day	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

### Postbox

We have our post-box up in school which is where pupils can post their Christmas cards for other pupils and staff members. The P7 pupils will sort the cards and deliver them to the classrooms. They will then be distributed by the class teacher.

Please make sure surnames and classes are put on the envelopes if there are other children with the same Christian name! Helps avoid confusion!

### Presents for Teachers

Please do not buy Christmas presents for teachers in school. If you would like to donate money to **your own** selected charity instead, this would be more beneficial.

We really do appreciate your thoughtfulness and kindness, but there really is no need! ☺

### Class Stationary

Pupils were very good at beginning the school year with all the requested equipment. Please do top up throughout the year. Many children are in need of a new glue, colouring pencils etc. Thank you!

### Christmas Concert

We are planning on holding our Christmas Concert on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December. It will be held in the neighbouring McNeece Hall at 7pm.

**Seats can be reserved through the school office.**

All pupils are required to attend where possible. If a child cannot attend, please let the school know asap.

### Battery Recycling

We have a box in school for recycling any old batteries. Please help the environment and send them in!

### Shopping Online This Christmas?

Please think of us and use Easy Fundraising!

To date we have received payments totalling over £1700 which is remarkable!

Money is donated to us every time you shop online. All you have to do is register with [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://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.



### Christmas Craft

We would like to invite family members into school on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> to join in with some craft with your child(ren).

The earlier session (12:45pm – 1:45pm) is for pupils in P1-3 & their older siblings in P4-7.

The later session (1:50pm – 2:45pm) is for pupils in P4-7.

It will be a lovely, relaxed afternoon which we hope you can attend. Please reserve your seat(s) by sending us a text.

### Open Afternoon

Every year we open our doors to prospective parents and pupils of our school. Our open afternoon this year will be on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 10am. This is aimed at children starting school in September 2024.

Principal's address will be at 10am, followed by a tour of our school.

If you know of anyone who would be interested in attending, please pass on the information and let them know they'd be made very welcome. (Flier at end of newsletter)

They can secure their place by the following form:

<https://forms.office.com/e/jh0SEBfwVG>



### Panto

Our PTA have kindly agreed to fund a panto trip for all pupils in P1-P7. The show is 'Aladdin' and is being performed in Market Place Theatre, Armagh at 10am on 5<sup>th</sup> December. Pupils should bring a drink and snack with them to have before the show.

The bus will be leaving at 8:50am. We will be back in school for our school dinner / lunch as usual.

Full school uniform required and coats essential, as its quite a walk from the bus to the theatre.



### Christmas Dinner

Christmas dinner will be served to pupils on 19<sup>th</sup> December. Christmas jumpers and accessories may be worn that day if desired.

All pupils will go home early at 1pm to allow all staff to have their Christmas dinner.

There will be **NO** Scallywags on this day.



### Movie Night

Our pupil council have organised a Christmas Movie Night for all pupils in P1-P7 on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December. All pupils will be together in the hall to enjoy the show, which begins at **6:30pm**. Pupils can bring a drink (Non-fizzy!) and a treat to enjoy during the movie.

The chosen movie = The Polar Express (U)

Duration 1hr 36 mins

**Pick up time = 8:10pm**

### Area Planning / Amalgamation

We have no further news on the Education Authority's plans to amalgamate our school with Ballytrea Primary School. All information was passed to the Department of Education last term, and a decision was to be made term 1 of this academic year, as to whether the amalgamation is to go ahead or not. Term 1 is almost over, and we still have no news!

Should anyone in the community ask about the amalgamation plans, please just explain that no decision has yet been made, and all paperwork currently lies with the department of education.

As soon as we hear anything, we will let you know.

### Award Winners for November

**Principal:** Amy Anderson, Maria Anderson, Jannet Bhatti

**Merit:** Rodrigo Rozitis, Ellie Kennedy, Abigail Uprichard

**Boy of the week:** Adam Watters, Luis Grimes, Isaac Stewart

**Girl of the week:** Evie Watters, Isabella Robinson, Sarah Parkes



**School re-opens Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January for all pupils.**





# OPEN MORNING

**18th December 10am**

**For children starting school in**

**September 2024**

Principal's address at 10am  
followed by tour of school,  
seeing each class in action.

High quality teaching and learning  
Smart touch screen panels in every room

Small class sizes

Morning Minding from 8am

After school care until 4:30pm

Wide range of after school activities  
and much more

Please contact the principal Ms K Bolton  
if the date is unsuitable for you  
An alternative time can be arranged  
028 877 38479

Secure your spot by the following link:  
<https://forms.office.com/e/jh0SEBFwV6>



Inspiring Pupils to Reach Their True Potential