



# School News

October 2016



## Dates for Your Diary

- 6<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Dog's trust visit P1-7
- 11<sup>th</sup> Oct** – MUSA cross country running
- 12<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Health for Life workshop P5-7
- 13<sup>th</sup> Oct** – P1-4 trip to Drumcairne Forest
- 20<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Harvest Assembly
- 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> Oct** - P5-7 residential trip to Shannaghmore
- 27<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Halloween Disco
- 28<sup>th</sup> Oct – 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov** School closed ☺
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov** – Flu Vaccine Day
- 10<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Craft Fair
- 16<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Last swim session for P4-7
- 21<sup>st</sup> Dec** – Christmas Carol Service
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec** – 11am finish
- 5<sup>th</sup> Jan** – School reopens for term 2

## After School Activities

### Monday

Gardening with Miss Bell P4-7  
3:10 – 4:10pm

### Tuesday

Last week of drumming 4<sup>th</sup> Oct

P3-4 Craft with Emma  
11<sup>th</sup> Oct & 18<sup>th</sup> Oct

Drama to start in Nov

### Wednesday

iPad / fun literacy with Miss Black  
P3-4 3:10 – 4:10

Coding (temporarily with Ms Bolton until Bytes tutor starts)  
P5-7 3:10 – 4:10

### Thursday

Apologies for the delay in starting Ju Jitsu.

We have had a problem regarding insurance, and are hopeful it will recommence soon.  
More details to follow...

## Welcoming a New Family

We are delighted to welcome Juste & Rugile into P7 & P4 this year. Their family are new to the area and we are excited about their enrolment into our school. Please help us to make them feel very welcome and happy here at Stewartstown Primary School.

## Buddy Bench

Our buddy system is up and running again this year and we hope you found the photograph and info informative. It's one of the many ways we help ensure the happiness of our pupils.  
Happy pupils = happy teachers = happy parents!

## School Fund

Please continue to make the voluntary weekly contribution of £1/family.

## Water

P5-7 pupils are encouraged to bring a clear bottle filled with water as drinking of the water improves concentration. We still have bottles available to buy @ £2.50 each.

## Healthy Eating

Next week our Healthy Tuck focus is fruit salad. The children will prepare the fruit in class and sell cups of fruit salad at break time.  
The P7 pupils carried out a cost analysis based upon the costing of the last healthy tuck and have decided that it is necessary to charge 30p per cup in order to break even.  
Please try and send exact change with your child.

## Breakfast Club

The breakfast club has been very successful to date, with many pupils availing of the service. If

you would like your child to attend some mornings, please see Alison Armstrong who will get your child booked in.

### FOSPS

Many thanks to the new faces we saw at our welcome evening in September. You are all very welcome on-board!

The Craft Fair is currently being organised with a few stall spaces available. If you would be interested in a table or know someone who would be, please see Nicola Anderson or Debbie Giles who are helping organise the event.

Please mark Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> Nov in your calendar and help spread the work of the annual fair. In the meantime remember to support us by using [easyfundraising.co.uk](http://easyfundraising.co.uk) when shopping online!

### Harvest Assembly

Our in school Harvest assembly is on 20<sup>th</sup> October. The School Council have decided that it would be nice to give something to the local food bank on that day. If families could donate one item of non-perishable food e.g. tinned food, pasta, rice etc. it would be really appreciated and passed on to the food bank. Thank you.

### Cash for Clobber

Please keep recycling old clothes etc in our purple bin at the front of the school.

### Attendance Policy

Having updated our attendance policy, please remember **ALL** absences must be explained by a written note upon the child's return to school. The Education Welfare Officer may want to see parents of children whose absence(s) have not been verified by letter(s).

### Enclosed Progress Report P2-P7

Please find enclosed a progress indicator for your children if they are in P2-P7. PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN TO SCHOOL ASAP.

### Survey

We are currently working on our budget figures and need an idea of projected numbers. Please complete the Survey Pro-forma and return it to school for Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Oct.

### Award winners for September

**Principal's Awards:** Jenneva Taggart, Peyton Magill, Sophie Brodison, Mia Giles, Juste & Rugile

**Girl of the week:** Keeva McElhennon & Katie Abernethy

**Boy of the week:** Riley Watters & Callum Reynolds

### SURVEY:

Please indicate the name and approx date of birth of any child you think might be attending our school for the first time in the next 3/4 years.

Name	D.O.B (approx)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_