



# School News

December 2016



## A few dates for your diary!

- **2<sup>nd</sup> Dec** – Rockets workshop P5-7
- **4<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Ballyclog Carol Service 7pm
- **5<sup>th</sup> Dec** – P5-7 trip to Planetarium
- **7<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Christmas Dinner
- **9<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Mid Ulster in Harmony P5-7
- **12<sup>th</sup> Dec** – P1-4 trip to St Marys for Nativity Play
- **13<sup>th</sup> Dec** – P5-7 visit to Postoffice
- **15<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Action Cancer Workshops in school P1-7
- **16<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Last swim session for P4-7 Café lunch treat
- **17<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Super Heroes Tea Party & open day
- **18<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Brigh Carol Service 11am
- **19<sup>th</sup> Dec** – P1-4 trip to Springhill
- **21<sup>st</sup> Dec** – SPS Christmas Carol Service 7pm
- **21<sup>st</sup> Dec** – Action Cancer Workshops – session 2 P1-7
- **22<sup>nd</sup> Dec** – 11am finish
- **5<sup>th</sup> Jan** – School reopens for term 2

## After School Activities

### Monday

Multi Skills

2:10 – 3:10 P1/2

3:10 – 4:10 P5-7

Dates: 5/12 12/12

(We will make arrangements for the missed sessions due to Edna's injuries to be rescheduled)

Craft with Miss Bell

P3-4

3:10 – 4:10

Dates: 28/11 5/12

12/12



### Tuesday

Drama FINISHED

### Wednesday

iPad / fun literacy with Miss Black

P3-4 3:10 – 4:10

Coding (temporarily with Ms Bolton until Bytes tutor starts – Hopefully in Jan)

P5-7 3:10 – 4:10



## Thursday

Judo

2:10 – 3:10 P2/3

3:10 – 4:10 P5-7



## ALL AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS FINISH WEEK BEGINNING 12<sup>TH</sup> DEC 2016.

### 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 then take on the postman / postwoman role and distribute the cards at lunchtime.

Please make sure surnames 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! 😊

### Mid Ulster in Harmony

P5-7 pupils will be attending the annual musical event 'Mid Ulster in Harmony' on 9<sup>th</sup> Dec. Please send in a Santa hat & or Christmas accessories for them to wear.

### School Fund

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

### Friends of Stewartstown Primary School

The Craft Fair raised £771.50 – many thanks to everyone for their support. It was a great night with a lot of positive feedback received. Football goals and sports equipment have been ordered as a result. 😊

### Tissues

It's that time of year again! To help minimise the spread of germs we would like each pupil to bring

in a box of tissues. The tissues then will be readily available in class.

### **Carol Service**

Our annual Christmas concert will take the form of a carol service this year. It is in the McNeese Hall at 7pm on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December. There is no admission charge, and tea & coffee will be served afterwards. Please extend the invitation to your friends and family. Everyone is welcome to attend. We will send out a note prior to the event requesting numbers attending.

### **Open Day**

We are combining our open day this year with an event, in the hope of enticing more people from the outside community to attend!

The PTA are organising a Super Heroes Tea Party on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec from 10 – 12noon. All children are invited to attend the morning where there will be fun games, activities and refreshments with some super hero characters.

The open day will run alongside the event, where prospective parents can come along and meet the staff and have a tour of the school. This will allow possible future families to visit our school and gain an insight into some of the wonderful things we do.

If you know of any families in the area with pre-school children or younger, please spread the word of our open morning. Everyone would be made most welcome.

### **Breakfast Club**

The breakfast club has been very successful to date, with many pupils availing of the service. All pupils are welcome to attend from 7:45am. If you would like your child to attend some mornings, please see Alison Armstrong who will get your child booked in.

### **App of the week!**

We have discovered the app 'overdrive' which we really recommend.

You can sign up and use your library card to access free online books. Children can then read additional books through the app – just like attending the local library but from the comfort of your own home!

### **Web-Site 😊**

Please keep browsing our web-site. It is continually being added to and updated, so please check the site often for new pictures and info. A copy of all school-news & menus are also available should you misplace your copy!

[www.stewartstownps.org](http://www.stewartstownps.org)

I hope everyone had a chance to log on and view the latest video on the home page. This can be shared on Facebook to help promote our school!

### **Cash for Clobber**

Our school is doing great with the recycling of old clothes. Please keep donating recyclables into purple bin. You can't miss it!



### **Online Shopping**

Easyfundraising is an app which allows our school to benefit from any online shopping you may do. It is safe and secure to use and is totally private so we do not see what you've bought or where you have bought from. It is merely a route to go through when shopping online.

Download the app, or open the easy fundraising browser. Set up and sign in to your account, search for your shopping site and begin shopping. The % given by the retailer may take 14-90 days to show on your account. Every little helps! Happy shopping!

**easyfundraising**  
.org.uk

### **Board of Governors Annual Report**

Every year the Board of Governors produce an annual report based on the previous school year. This report is now available to read online via our website. A hardcopy is available from the school office upon request.

### **Award winners for November**

**Principal's Awards:** Ross Anderson & Sophie Neill

**Merit Certificates:** Matthew Armstrong & Jessie Dougherty

**Girl of the week:** Jessica Leigh

**Boy of the week:** Logan Dougherty

