



School News



February 2017

Dates For Your Diary

15th February Royal School
Dungannon open evening 7:15pm
13th Feb P1 school nurse assessment
16th 17th & 20th Feb Half term break
21st – 24th Feb Bible Fun Week
27th Feb – 3rd March Dungannon
Festival
2nd March ELECTION – school closed
16th & 17th March school closed
24th March Red Nose Day
12th April Daffodil Tea Party
13th – 24th April school closed for
Easter
1st May – school closed for Bank
Holiday
29th May – 2nd June school closed

After School Activities

• MONDAYS MULTI SKILLS 8 WEEKS ONLY

P1/2 2:10 – 3:10
P5-7 3:10 – 4:10 16th, 23rd, 30th,
6th Feb

P3-4 13th Feb, 27th Feb, 6th March,
13th March

CRAFT 2 SESSIONS with Emma

Mon 6th Feb P3/4 3:10 – 4:10
Mon 13th Feb P5-7 3:10 – 4:10

• TUESDAYS GYMNASTICS

P1/2 2:10 – 3:10
P3/4 DURING SCHOOL TIME
1:15 – 2:10
P5-7 3:10 – 4:10

• WEDNESDAYS IPAD / CODING

P3/4 FUN GAMES / IPAD 3:10 –
4:10
P5-7 CODING 34:10 – 4:10

• THURSDAYS JUDO

P1-3 2:10 – 3:10
P4-7 3:10 – 4:10

Dungannon Festival

This will take place 27th Feb – 3rd
March. P6 & P7 are playing recorder
at 10am Monday 27th. P4, 5 & 6 are
playing recorder Wednesday 10am,
and the whole school choir will
perform on Friday at 10:30am.
Please note all times are approximate
and may change.

In the meantime children should be
learning song words and P4-P7 pupils
should be practising their recorder
EVERY evening!

Website

Please keep checking our website as
pictures / news are updated regularly.
www.stewartstownps.org



Daffodil Tea with a Twist

We will be hosting a Daffodil Tea
Party this year on 12th April. This
gives our children a chance to
showcase to parents, family members,
friends and community members the
songs / recorder pieces they performed

at Dungannon Festival, along with a few extra pieces. In addition to the usual format, this year we will be having a few fundraising activities, including cutting of hair which is to be donated to the Little Princess Trust. Every family has received a sponsor form, and we are asking you to help us raise money for this worthwhile charity. You can collect money even if you or your child are not getting their hair cut. To date we have 4 pupils, 4 mummies, 1 Principal (yes... Ms B too!!) and one possible cousin from another school, signed up for hair donation. Please forward any more names asap to Ms Bolton so we can cater for the correct numbers. If you have any questions regarding the event or sponsorship collection, please speak to Ms Bolton.

Please note this event is open to the public and we would like you to help us spread the word... after all it's for a great cause.

Bottle Raffle Appeal

Please send in a minimum of 2 bottles per family for our bottle raffle which will take place on the morning of our daffodil tea party.

Bottles must be full & unopened with seals intact. They can vary in price, size and contents – examples could include a bottle of shampoo, a bottle of vinegar, a bottle of coke, a bottle of wine, a bottle of diluting juice, a bottle of perfume, a bottle of ketchup, a bottle of hair gel... anything goes! Each bottle will get a number, and if you buy a ticket at the tea party, then you will win that matching numbered bottle. Every ticket wins! Please send bottles to Photocopying room – unless it needs to be kept locked in the office out of children's way! ☺

Open Door Policy

Progress report sheets will be sent home during the week beginning 13th

February. If you have any concerns about how your child is doing in school please contact Ms Bolton to organise an appointment time with the appropriate teacher.

P1 interviews will take place week beginning 13th February as we felt Nov time was too early for their interviews. Please see attached sheet to indicate your preferred time & day.

World Book Day

World book day is on 2nd March so we will be celebrating it on 28th Feb due to election and Dungannon Festival. The Pupil Council are holding a photo competition, where pupils are to submit a photo of themselves reading their favourite book in a funny / unusual location with a catchy slogan to match the photo. All entries are to be returned by Monday 27th February. Pupils also have the dress-up option if they wish. They can dress-up as their favourite book character on Tuesday 28th, or come along in their own clothes. If costumes are bulky, hot & uncomfortable, please send in a change of comfy clothes to see them through the day!

Battery Recycling

We have a battery recycling box available in school if you have any old batteries. Please do not put them in the bin as they can be recycled. **Think green!**

ADSA / TESCO / ARGOS / EBAY? SHOPPING ONLINE

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. Lots of different sites are compatible including Asda, Tesco, Ebay etc. Check it out!

Foundation Certificates

A massive congratulations go to Sam Dougherty, Jack Sutor & Katie Abernethy who have obtained their Foundation Certificates with our music tutor Andy in playing the chanter. All 3 pupils have excelled themselves and have now been asked to attend additional classes in Cookstown. They will be attending Stormont in the near future where they will be presented their certificates.
Well done!

Breakfast Club

Our breakfast club is thriving and we would love a few more volunteers to help out in the mornings. If you would be interested in helping out please see Alison Armstrong. We would really appreciate it. It's done on a rota basis so you can do as much or as little as you like! Thank you!

Award Winners

Principal Award: Jack Sutor, Zach Shepherd

Merit Certificate: Te'a Giles, Aaron Abernethy, Preston Taggart

Girl of the week: Alex Montgomery, Jenneva Taggart, Sophie Brodison

Boy of the week: Jack Townsend, Matthew Stewart, Noah Greenaway

School Holidays for school year 2017 – 2018

The holidays for NEXT school year are now uploaded to the school website. For your convenience they are set out below:

School term 1 starts	Fri 1 st September
Exceptional closure	6-10-17
Half term / Hallowe'en	30-10-17 to 1-11-17 Back to school 2-11-17
Christmas	23-12-17 to 4-01-18 Back to school Friday 5 th Jan
Half Term / Exceptional closure	15-02-18 to 19-01-18 Back to school Tuesday 20 th Feb
Holiday	19-03-18 – 20-01-18
Easter	29-03-18 – 6-04-18 Back to school Mon 9 th April
May Day	7-05-18 - 11-05-18 Off school the full week!
Bank Holiday	28-05-18