



School News

JUNE 2017



Dates for Your Diary

8th Election – SCHOOL CLOSED
12th – 16th June Bible Fun Week
13th June – P7 school nurse talk
14th June - P6 Open Morning at CHS
– to be confirmed
19th June - P1 Open Morning
19th June – Reports issued
26th June – Leavers assembly ☺
28th June – P1-4 trip to Tannaghmore gardens
30th June – Last day of term

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club will be continuing right up to the end of term, and recommencing again in September. If you would like to volunteer to help out with the club, please see Ms Bolton or Alison, and we would be delighted to welcome you to the team!

We really appreciate all the hard work you ladies do. It does not go by unnoticed and we want to say *Thank You!* once again. ☺

Stewartstown Scallywags

Scallywags has been a huge success so far, and will recommence in September and the same rate of £3 per hour.

Leaver's Assembly

Our annual leaver's assembly will take place on Monday 26th June at 9:30am. Everyone is welcome to attend, but please do book your place(s) with ourselves, so we can get you a seat! It should last approximately 30mins. Bring your tissues ☺ !!

Staffing For Next Year

P1-4
Miss Black Mon – Fri
(Miss Artt is still unwell and is not likely to be back in September)

P5-7
Miss Bell will teach Mondays & Tuesdays.
Ms Bolton Office days Mon – Tues, teaching Wed – Fri as usual.

MISS FINN

We are delighted to be keeping Miss Finn for another year ☺

There will be a slight change as from September 2017. P4/5 will be with Miss Finn for Literacy & Numeracy every day until lunch time. P4 will then join Miss Black for the afternoon session and P5 will join Ms Bolton / Miss Bell.

School budgets are unfairly tight, and this is the best possible solution we have, in order to best accommodate the needs of our pupils.

P1 Open Day

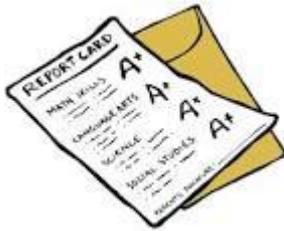
The pupils joining us in September 2017 are invited into school for an open morning on 19th June. They will receive an invitation with all the details. We still have spaces for new P1 pupils, so please do keep spreading the word and help us to promote our school!

End of Term

This school year will finish on Friday 30th June at 11am. School reopens on Friday 1st September.

Reports

Reports will be issued on Monday 19th June. Teachers will be available for appointments throughout the whole month of June to discuss test results and progress. Please contact the teacher directly to make arrangements. Although it is not compulsory to attend a meeting in June, we would really love to chat with as many parents as possible. *Team work makes the dream work!*



P1-4 Trip

A trip has been arranged (weather permitting) for P1-4 to go to Tannaghmore Gardens on Wednesday 28th June. They will spend time around the petting farm, concluding their Pets & Animal topic, before exploring the rest of the gardens and park. All children will need a packed lunch as they plan to picnic in the park. More details will be sent home in due course.

Bible Fun Week

The Bible Fun Week starts 12th June, every evening from 7-8pm. Children can be dropped off and collected again at the assembly hall. No parental supervision is required if your child is 4 or over, but 'permission to attend' slips **must** be returned (see back of flier). It is open for everyone to attend – not just SPS pupils. Please do spread the word and invite along cousins, neighbours & friends. Parents, family members and friends are invited along for supper on the Friday evening. We would love to see you there!

Attendance Policy

Please remember **ALL** absences must be explained by a written note upon the child's return to school. A text message is not sufficient!

School Fund

Please continue to make your £1/week/family voluntary contribution to our 'School Fund' and to bring in the black bin bags filled with recyclable products. Our striking purple bin is working very well to date and lots of extra money for school funds has been raised. Keep up the great work!

Water Bottles

We encourage all children to have a clear plastic bottle containing water, with their name clearly visible so they can keep hydrated in warmer weather. They will have access to this during class. Drinking water helps aid concentration!

We still have SPS water bottles available to buy from school office.

Care in the Sun

Please ensure your child has sunscreen on before coming to school in the morning as we will be taking advantage of nice weather where possible and will be maximising our outdoor learning. A sunhat & sunglasses would also be beneficial and may be kept in school.

After School Activities

As per sheet sent home in May. Another copy has been enclosed for your convenience! 😊



Free School Meals (FSM)

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT ALL CURRENT ENTITLEMENTS TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS WILL EXPIRE NO LATER THAN 30 JUNE 2017 – NO ENTITLEMENTS WILL CARRY OVER INTO THE 2016/2017 SCHOOL YEAR.

No children will be entitled to free meals for the new school year unless a 2017/2018 application form has been submitted and you are notified by the Meals & Uniform Section of their entitlement.

The Education Authority will send you a new form direct to your home if you are currently in receipt of FSM.

For those of you not currently in receipt of FSM, we have enclosed a form. We encourage you to apply regardless of your status, as the criteria may change.

Please note that the higher the % of FSM we have in our school, the more beneficial it is to our school.



Reading Book / Stationary Recall

Please have a good check at home and in old school bags for any reading books, text books, dictionaries etc. and return to your child's teacher as soon as possible. We are missing quite a few reading books which cost a lot of money. If everyone pulls together and has a look, we are hopeful that many will be successfully returned to school!

Other items may include stationary – rulers, rubbers, protractors, calculators, scissors, glue sticks etc!

Battery Recycling

Please remember to send in your used batteries for recycling. All types are accepted.

Uniform Order Forms

Enclosed are the uniform order forms to be completed and returned by Monday 23rd June. Payment to be made upon collection on either 29th or 30th August 10am – 12noon. Samples are now available to try on in the corridor. We had numerous enquires about hoodies for children, so again we have a few samples to try if interested. These are not compulsory but may come in handy as an additional part of the P.E kit. We also have a sample of a heavier, reversible coat which is available to buy for £19.99. Again, not compulsory, but just another option should you be interested.

A second hand uniform table is also set up. All items are £2 or swap for free. If you have any uniform donations please send them in.

Award Winners for May

Principal's Award:

Jack Anderson, Sorcha Owens

Merit Certificate:

Eva Curry, Logan Dougherty, Peyton Magill, Brodie Taggart, Callum Reynolds

Girl of the week:

Te'a Giles, Erin Doey, Jessica Leigh

Boy of the week:

Ross Anderson, Aaron Abernethy, Zach Shepherd

Gold Award Winner

We are delighted to have won a **gold award** from Action Cancer, for our outstanding efforts in promoting healthy lifestyles. We submitted photographs and samples of work along with evidence of additional on-going work such as visits from RNLI and they were very impressed! Ms Bolton is collecting the award in person today – Tuesday 6th June.

We are thrilled ☺

