



School News

December 2017



A few dates for your diary!

- 4th to 8th Dec – Christmas shop open in school**
- 5th Dec – RSPB visit to school**
- 6th Dec - PSNI visit to school**
- 8th Dec – Mid Ulster in Harmony**
- 10th Dec – Donaghendry Carol Service**
- 11th Dec – Healthy Tuck Week**
- 12th Dec – P1-4 Grotto visit**
- 12th Dec – School Christmas Dinner**
- 13th Dec – OPEN DAY for Sept '18 P1 pupils**
- 15th Dec – Christmas Jumper Day**
- 15th Dec – Last swim session for P4-7**
- 20th Dec – Christmas Concert**
- 22nd Dec – 11am finish**
- 5th Jan – School reopens for term 2**

After School Activities

Monday

Multi Skills ***

OUR COACH HAS BEEN GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO TRAVEL FOR A FEW WEEKS, SO MULTI SKILLS HAS FINISHED UNTIL NEXT YEAR.

Tuesday

Funclub with Miss Bell
3:10 – 4:10
P3/4 or P5-7 on alternate weeks



Wednesday

Self Defense
P2-4 2:10 – 3:10
P5-7 3:10 – 4:10



Thursday

Construction Club with Miss Black
3:10 – 4:10
P3/4 or P5-7 on alternate weeks



ALL AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS FINISH WEEK BEGINNING 11TH DEC 2017.

Feed the birds

I'm sure you've noticed our tasty bird station on the front playground! P5-P7 are observing birds as part of their topic. We are asking for donations of bird seed/nuts to help us keep them well fed. Thank you!

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 8th Dec. Please send in a Santa hat & or Christmas accessories for them to wear.

Christmas Jumper Day

15th Dec is Christmas Jumper Day. It will therefore be a non-uniform day. Children can wear winter themed or Christmas jumpers to school and their £1 donation will be given to Save the Children.

Please do not buy expensive jumpers for the occasion – be creative and add some tinsel!

Christmas Dinner

The Christmas dinner will be on 12th December. Children will get their dinner from 12:15. School will close at **1pm** to facilitate the staff getting their meal. There will be NO buses at 1pm.

Please note NO SCALLYWAGS will be on this day.

Christmas Shop

Our pupil council have been very efficient and are now ready for the shop to open next week. Items range from 50p - £2. We are asking that pupils only buy 1 item initially until everyone has visited the shop. If there are items left, then pupils can buy again if they wish. Please ensure your children have change! 😊

Break the Rules Week!

Postponed until January! 😊

School Fund

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

Christmas Concert

Our annual Christmas concert will take place in school this year on Wednesday 20th December at 9:30am. Space is tight, so we need an indication of numbers attending. **Please text into school mobile the number of seats required asap.**

Open Day

Our open day is scheduled for 13th December at 10am, 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

FOSPS

Friends of Stewartstown Primary School held their AGM on 28/11/17. Lots of exciting things are planned for the near future including a sponsored wellie walk in February! Keep Fit Fundraisers for adults are planned for 6 Wednesday nights starting in January, which are being facilitated by David Montgomery – one of our dads ☺ The keep fit sessions are for a

maximum of 20 adults per session for a total of £25. Payment and registration is required prior to the sessions starting. Registration is NOW OPEN. Please see Jane Montgomery to register for the sessions asap if you are interested. Please note this is open to everyone within our community – not just Stewartstown PS mums and dads. A PTA dinner is planned for Friday 15th December at 8pm in The Royal Hotel, Cookstown. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please see Alison Armstrong before Friday 8th December to book your place.

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!

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.org.uk

Competition Winners

The pupil council selected the following people as the winners of the Road Safety Competition:

- Laurenn Armstrong P1-3
- Aaron Abernethy P4-5
- Sophie Brodison P6-7

All the entries were remarkable... in fact Ms Bolton was so impressed by the standards this year, that all pupils who entered received a little reward. Well done everyone!

Award winners for November

Principal's Awards: Ross Anderson, Ruby McReynolds, Sophie Brodison

Merit Certificates: Ellen May Bell, Joshua Bell, Matthew Armstrong

Girl of the week: Kathryn Walker, Alex Montgomery, Jenneva Taggart, Katie Abernethy

Boy of the week: Aaron Abernethy, Calum Hutton

