



School News

January 2018

A Happy New Year to You All.



Dates For Your Diary

8th January P5-7 to visit Holy Family PS Aughmullan
15th – 19th January - Break the Rules Week
17th January – Internet Safety Workshop for parents of Stewartstown PS, St Mary's PS & Ballytrea PS being held in Ballytrea 7pm.
20th January - Defib training gam – 1pm
22nd – 26th January - Healthy Tuck Week
2nd Feb – P5-7 Internet Safety workshop @ St Mary's PS
8th Feb - BEE Project Bridges workshop P5-7
15th, 16th & 19th Feb – School Closed
20th Feb – Holy Family, Aughmullan coming to SPS for drumming session
20th – 23rd Feb – Healthy Tuck Week
5th – 9th March - Dungannon Festival Week
13th March – P5-7 Vikings workshop
19th & 20th March – School Closed
21st – 23rd March – Healthy Tuck Week
28th March – Daffodil Tea Party – 11am finish in school
29th March – 6th April – School Closed for Easter
16th – 20th April – Healthy Tuck Week
7th – 11th May – School Closed
16th May – P5-7 Trip to Ulster Museum, Belfast
21st – 25th May – Healthy Tuck Week
28th May – Bank Holiday – school closed
29th – 31st May – Bible Fun Week
31st May – 6th June – Book fair in school
18th – 22nd June – Healthy Tuck Week
22nd June – FUN NIGHT ☺
29th June – 11am Finish

After School Activities

CLUBS START WEEK 15TH JAN

- **MONDAYS GYMNASTICS**
DUE TO THE COACH BEING IN AUSTRALIA, GYMNASTICS WILL NOT START UNTIL FEBRUARY.
APOLOGIES FOR THE DELAY.
- **MONDAYS GUITAR**
- **TUESDAYS DRUMMING 4 WEEKS**
SESSION 1: P1-2 2:10 – 3:10
SESSION 2 P3-4 3:10 – 4:10
- **TUESDAYS CRAFT WITH EMMA FOR 4 WEEKS**
P5-7 3:10 – 4:10

- **WEDNESDAYS SELF DEFENCE**
SESSION 1: P1-4 2:10 – 3:10
SESSION 2 P5-7 3:10 – 4:10
- **THURSDAYS DRAMA**
2:10 – 3:10 P1-4
3:10 – 4:10 P5-7

Open Evenings

Dungannon Integrated College – 16th January at 7pm
Cookstown High School – 16th January
Rainey Endowed – 17th January at 7pm
Holy Trinity College – 18th January at 7pm
Royal School Dungannon – 13th February 7:15pm

Shared Ed

We are delighted to be entering into a new venture with Holy Family Primary School – Aughmullan. We are already working with them through the Mid Ulster Council's MUST project, but we have now been accepted and funding approved to move into shared education projects with them. The Peace IV Fund allocate money to schools who team up with schools from a different religious background, encouraging them to collaborate and work together promoting peace and harmony between different communities. Our new project will commence term 2 and continue into term 3 and will be focusing on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) in Key Stage 2.

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.

Website

Our school website is updated regularly. Please keep checking out the gallery for latest photos of the children hard at work!
www.stewartstownps.org

Earrings

Children are only permitted to wear stud earrings which, for health and safety reasons, MUST be removed for P.E.

Healthy Eating

Please encourage your child(ren) to eat healthily at break and lunch time.
Healthy Break Week - 30p per cup of fruit
P5-7 pupils should bring water to school in a CLEAR bottle. Drinking water in class helps with concentration.

Attendance

Please find attached an attendance percentage for Term 1 for your child(ren).

Please note the Education Welfare Officer (EWO) closely monitors the attendance of all pupils on a regular basis.

Any pupils who fall below 85% will be contacted by the EWO automatically to discuss attendance concerns.

100% attendance	0 days missed	Excellent
95% attendance	9 days of absence 1 week + 4 days of learning missed	Satisfactory
90% attendance	19 days of absence 3 weeks + 4 days of learning missed	Poor
85% attendance	28 days of absence 5 weeks + 3 days of learning missed	Very Poor
80% attendance	38 days of absence 7 weeks + 3 days of learning missed	Unacceptable
75% attendance	46 days of absence 9 weeks + 1 day of learning missed	Unacceptable

Stay Safe

The Department of Education has highlighted the importance of staying safe during these dark mornings and evenings. If you or your children are out and about walking, please make sure you can be clearly seen by drivers. Safety matters!

Friends of Stewartstown Primary School

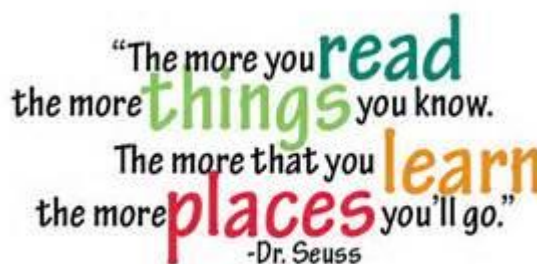
Thanks to our parent group for organising the tea & coffee on the morning of our concert. It went down a treat!

Accelerated Reader

A new individual point target has been set for P3-7 children. Please help your child reach their target by encouraging them to read daily. They will reap the rewards in the future.

Reading is a key part in literacy development.

Encouraging reading leads to: better spelling, vocabulary expansion, increased awareness of punctuation & grammar, improved general knowledge, improved memory skills, develops thinking skills, improves focus and concentration... the list is endless!



On-Line 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.



Awards

100% Attendance Awards for Term 1:

Laurenn Armstrong, Ellen May Bell, Ellie Mae Cherry, Keeva McElhennon, Jack Townsend, Rebekah Walker, Regan Young, Jack Anderson, Aaron Armstrong, Joshua Bell, Dennis Cherry, Erin Doey, Matthew Armstrong, Sophie Brodison, Callum Reynolds, Brodie Taggart

Principal's Awards:

Rebekah Walker, Corin Kelly, Rachael Curry

Merit Certificates:

Katie Reynolds, Matthew Stewart, Callum Reynolds

Boy of the Week:

Benjamin McElroy, Dennis Cherry, Brodie Taggart

Girl of the Week:

Laurenn Armstrong, Teà Giles, Erin Doey, Jessie Dougherty

