



School News



February 2018

Dates For Your Diary

2nd Feb – P5-7 Internet Safety workshop @ St Mary's PS
6th Feb – ART CART visiting P5-7
8th Feb - BEE Project Bridges workshop P5-7
15th, 16th & 19th Feb – School Closed
19th Feb – Internet Safety - Parents Workshop
20th Feb – Holy Family, Aughamullan coming to SPS for drumming session
20th – 23rd Feb – Healthy Tuck Week
23rd Feb – Tri County Football Tournament in Dungannon
24th Feb – Wellie Walk
5th – 9th March - Dungannon Festival Week
13th March – P5-7 Vikings workshop
15th March – NSPCC visit P1-7
19th & 20th March – School Closed
21st – 23rd March – Healthy Tuck Week
26th March – Holy Family & SPS Celebration event in Burnavon
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
17th May – Tri County Tournament at MUSA
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

Internet Safety – Parents Workshop

We are delighted to have been asked to host a FREE Internet Safety Workshop for Parents of pupils attending Stewartstown P.S, St Mary's P.S and Ballytrea P.S. It is very relevant and worthwhile and we recommend at least 1 representative per family tries to attend. Please text to book your slot as we require an idea of numbers attending. 7-8pm Monday 19th February. Save the Date!

After School Activities Up To Easter

- **MONDAYS GYMNASTICS**
Starting 5th February
P3/4 (during school time) 1:15 – 2:10
P1/2 2:10 – 3:10
P5-7 3:10 – 4:10
- **TUESDAYS DRUMMING**
Last week = 6th February
SESSION 1: P1-2 2:10 – 3:10
SESSION 2 P3-4 3:10 – 4:10
- **TUESDAYS CRAFT WITH EMMA**
Last week for P5-7 = 6th Feb
P5-7 3:10 – 4:10
Please note, Tuesday after school clubs from 13th Feb – Easter will be craft with Emma. P5-7 & P3-4 on alternating weeks. P3/4 = 13th Feb to start, taking it turnabout thereafter.
- **WEDNESDAYS SELF DEFENCE**
SESSION 1: P1-4 2:10 – 3:10
SESSION 2 P3-4 3:10 – 4:10
- **THURSDAYS DRAMA**
2:10 – 3:10 P1-4
3:10 – 4:10 P5-7

There are no after school clubs running week commencing 19th February due to half term break.

Dungannon Festival

This will take place 5th March to 7th March. P4-7 pupils are playing recorder at 11am Monday 5th March. The whole school choir will perform on Wednesday 7th March at 9:30am.

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!

Shared Education

Having had the opportunity to work alongside Holy Family PS Aughamullan in the Mid Ulster Council's MUST programme, it was clear to see that we were 2 schools who immediately bonded.

Mrs Gorman (Principal) and myself have since applied for Shared Education funding under Peace IV funding and have been successful. The funding is worth over £5000 between our 2 schools, and will run in terms 2 and 3 this academic year. We then can reapply year on year if the project is working for us. The initial year will focus on P5-7 pupils, and then we will roll it out to the rest of the school in future years.

This year's project focuses on STEM activities and we have secured a deal with Sentinus to come into school and facilitate the programme. Some dates for your diaries include:

P5-7 workshops (held in SPS) = Thursday 1st March, Wednesday 14th March, Thursday 12th April, Wednesday 25th April, Wednesday 2nd May & Tuesday 2nd May.

Proposed dates for Parents Evenings are:

23rd May - Stewartstown Primary School 7 - 9pm

24th May - Holy family - Aughamullan 6:30 - 8:30pm

Final Celebration Event in W5 – 19th June

Website

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

www.stewartstownps.org



Daffodil Tea Party

We will be hosting a Daffodil Tea Party this year on 28th March. 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 for you to enjoy. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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 12th 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 5th February as we felt Nov time was too early for their interviews. Please indicate your preferred time & day on the sheet sent home earlier this week and return asap.

World Book Day

World book day is on 1st March so we will be celebrating it on 28th Feb due to shared education events scheduled for that day. 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 26th February. Pupils also have the dress-up option if they wish. They can dress-up as their favourite book character on Wednesday 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!

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.org.uk

Budget Approval!

Following all the recent press coverage highlighting the fact that 632 schools had their budget plans declined, we can proudly say we were in the 27% of schools who had theirs approved! Yes – money is very tight – tighter than ever before, but we hope to be able to continue to effectively manage what little money we have. 😊



Award Winners

Principal Award: Alex Montgomery, Dennis Cherry, Jessie Dougherty

Merit Certificate: Riley Watters, Sophie Neill, Calum Hutton

Girl of the week: Eva Curry, Ruby McReynolds, Mia Giles

Boy of the week: Logan Dougherty, Aaron Armstrong, Jamie McElhennon