Welcome back everyone! We hope all children have had a great first month back at school. We look forward to the academic year ahead and here’s to lots of challenges and learning but most of all fun!

**DIARY DATES**

Tues 2nd– Derry Journal taking P1 photo.

ECO club 3-4pm

Wednesday 3rd–Scripture Union club begins

Fri 5th– Defibrillator presentation by Heartbeat NI

Tues 9th– ECO club 3-4pm

Wed 10th– Scripture Union 3-4pm

Thurs 11th– Rev Stockitt assembly

Tues 16th- ECO club 3-4pm

Wed 17th– Scripture Union 3-4pm

Thurs 18th– CEF Assembly

Tues 23rd- ECO club 3-4pm

Wed 24th– Scripture Union 3-4pm

Thurs 25th– School Photos

Fri 26th– Non uniform day in aid of Melon Educate

Tues 30th– Harvest Assembly

Wed 31st– School closure

Tues 6th Nov– School Resumes

**Curriculum Evening**

We held our annual Curriculum Evening on Wednesday 19th September. The staff would like to thank the parents that did attend and we hope you found it informative and useful.

**Welcome, Welcome!**

We are extremely proud to welcome our youngest members of DPS, our Primary One pupils. They are settling in really well and we wish them lots of luck throughout their school journey!

**Community Nominated Achievement Award**

We will be continuing with our community nominated award this year. As a parent you can nominate your own child or another child for this award. Reasons for nominations can be anything from being extra helpful around the house to achieving something special outside of school. Our children give us plenty of reasons to be proud of the every day! You can let Jayne (our classroom assistant) know before the end of every month if you would like to nominate a child for this award. People in the community can also nominate a pupil for this award.

**Harvest Assembly**

We are planning to hold our annual Harvest Assembly in the Church of Ireland at 12.45pm on Tuesday 30th October 2018. This will be a lovely celebratory event where every child will be performing either a song, poem or sketch as part of their class. Pupils can go home with parents after the assembly if you wish.

**AFTERSCHOOLS CLUBS**

We have lots of fun available during After Schools clubs. Busy Bee’s is available for all Primary One and Two pupils from 2-3pm. Here pupils will experience cookery, arts and crafts as well as indoor and outdoor play. There is also ‘Busy Bee’s Extra’ 3-4pm available for Primary One and Two pupils.

Homework club will run every day from 3-4pm where pupils are supported by adults.

Late Club is available from 4– 5pm. This club is an excellent opportunity for pupils to experience both indoor and outdoor play as well as plenty of arts and crafts. On a Thursday pupils will be playing in the hall or watching a DVD on the ‘Big Screen’! Booking is essential so please ensure to use our booking form and use a labelled envelope for payment purposes.

**Additional After Schools Clubs available:**

ECO club– Miss Sayers and her newly elected ECO club will be continuing their hard work every Tuesday 3-4pm.

Scripture Union– Started on Wednesday 3rd Oct and will take place every Wednesday 3-4pm until the 14th Nov.

Foundation Stage Football (2-3pm)- Started Friday 7th September and will be available every Friday.

Friday Football– will run every Friday 3-4pm.

**Shared Education**

We are delighted to be progressing in year two of our Shared Education programme. Each Key stage of our school will be involved in some shared work activities with our neighbouring schools: Altishane PS, Loughash PS, St. Joseph’s PS and St.Patrick’s PS. There will be lots of fun activities taking place such as Learning Through Play, Musical Pathways, Sports and ICT. There will also be joint trips available for each year group as a way of celebrating the efforts of all of our children throughout the programme.

Primary 1-3 have already been travelling to St.Patrick’s Primary every Tuesday morning to engage in Musical Pathways, literacy and structured play.

**Musical Pathways**

Our wonderful musical Pathways sessions are continuing this year. These fun and interactive music lessons are a great way for pupils from Primary One to Seven to engage in singing activities and experiment with percussion instruments. Such lessons are delivered by Mrs O’Hare an extremely talented and capable music teacher.

**PATHS programme**

Throughout the school teachers will be teaching the PATHS programme on a weekly basis. This programme is funded by Barnardo’s and is designed to facilitate the development of self-control, emotional awareness and interpersonal problem-solving skills. The programme consists of a variety of lessons, and additional materials and charts. We hope to see the positivity that comes with PATHS throughout our school.

**ECO green flag award**

You may have noticed our shiny and new green ECO flag flying over our school grounds. Well done to Miss Sayers and her ECO team for achieving green flag status again in June 2018. Great achievement!

**International Languages Day** Mrs Devine and her Primary 6/7 class treated us to a Spanish themed assembly last Thursday 27th September to celebrate International Languages Day. The whole school really enjoyed the Spanish songs and participated with great enthusiasm, including the staff!

**LEARNING THIS MONTH**!

**P1** Literacy: SATPIN sounds and letter formation. Listening Tasks.

Numeracy: Numbers 1-5, 2D shape

WAU: Hey, Hey Look at me!

ICT: Mouse control, recognise parts of a computer and logging on/off independently.

**P2** Literacy: Linguistic phonics, key words,

Numeracy: 2D shape, Problem Solving and Numbers to 20.

ICT: Mouse Control and typing skills

**P3**

Literacy: rhyming and riddles. Capital letters and full stops.

Numeracy: Time, Tens and Units addition.

WAU: The Great Fire of London

ICT: Establishing AR

**P4/5**

Literacy: Creative Writing and Novel study.

Numeracy: Addition and Decomposition.

ICT: Research and recording information.

WAU: Passport to Europe

**P5/6**

Numeracy: negative numbers, Addition, subtraction, time and IZAK9

Literacy: Sentence structure, sentence beginnings/endings, comprehension, nouns: proper and uncommon, adjectives.

WAU: Titanic

ICT: Word processing skills.

**P6/7**

Literacy: Spellings, grammar, punctuation and letter writing.

Numeracy: Time– Duration and time problems, Subtraction and multiplication.

ICT: Powerpoint and Newspaper Articles.

WAU: Living from the Land.

**‘The Selfish Giant’**

On Friday 28th September our school as well as our shared education schools were treated to a production of ‘The Selfish Giant’ in the church hall. It was full of fantastic acting and music which was thoroughly enjoyed by all!

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