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June



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Diary Dates

3rd: Ruby tots / Rugbykids begins
 5th: Young Enterprise (P1–P5)
 6th: Rev Stockitt Assembly
 RelaxKidz taster sessions (P3–P7)
 KS2 Cricket tournament @ Bonds
 Glen Cricket Club
 7th: Brides Through the Years
 RelaxKidz Taster sessions (P1/2)
 11th: Buggyfit taster session 10am
 KS2 Cricket Tournament @ Strabane Cricket Club
 12th–14th: P7 Residential
 14th: P1–P6 School Trip
 Pre–School Lunch
 17th: P7 Cycling Proficiency begins
 18th: Internet Safety talks
 Parent Internet Safety Workshop @7pm
 19th: Boys indoor cricket competition @ Strabane Academy
 20th: CEF Assembly
 Sports Day @ 12.30pm
 21st: KS2 Cricket Tournament @ Fox Lodge Cricket Club
 24th: Prize Giving Assembly @ 1pm
 25th: Leavers Assembly
 New P1s Parent meeting @ 7pm
 26th: Playgroup graduation
 Girls Indoor Cricket Competition @ Strabane Academy
 27th: Term 3 AR treat
 28th: Winning House Ice Cream Party
 S and S embroidery uniform sales 8am–12noon

Good Luck P7

It's that time of the year when we start to think about saying goodbye to our fabulous P7 pupils. We want to wish you all good luck in

your new schools and with your future. You are superstars and have been an asset to DPS. We will miss every one of you!

Term Time Holidays

Parents are reminded that good attendance at school is vital to ensure children learn and develop to their full potential. We ask that family holidays are booked for times of school closures only and that all absences are explained via letter on the day your child returns to school. School has a legal responsibility to refer any child who's attendance falls below 85% to the Education Welfare Service. If a family holiday during term time is unavoidable (e.g. a family wedding) parents must speak directly with Mrs Hay to inform her of the upcoming absences. Mrs Hay will then notify the class



EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS –

Every single day a child is absent from school equates to a day of lost learning.

Attendance percentages can be misleading.

100% Attendance	0 Days Missed	Excellent
95% Attendance	9 Days of Absence 1 Week and 4 Days of Learning Missed	Satisfactory
90% Attendance	19 Days of Absence 3 Weeks and 4 Days of Learning Missed	Poor
85% Attendance	28 Days of Absence 5 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed	Very Poor
80% Attendance	38 Days of Absence 7 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed	Unacceptable
75% Attendance	46 Days of Absence 9 Weeks and 1 Day of Learning Missed	Unacceptable

For some parents, 90% may seem like an acceptable level of attendance, but the reality is that 90% attendance means that your child will miss half a school day each week, or 19 days of school during the school year – that's nearly 4 school weeks.



Give your child the best start in life – every school day counts.

teacher. Our overall school attendance figure has been around 95% for the last number of years and we would like to see this increase.

For more information on school attendance please see <https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/de/attendance-matters-a-parents-guide.pdf>

Welcome Mrs Alcorn

To help our colleagues and friends in St Patrick's PS during their amalgamation preparation, Mrs Bateson has returned to teach there. We would like to thank her for all her wonderful work here and wish her every success in the future. We now welcome Mrs Alcorn to our team, teaching P4/5 on a Monday and a Tuesday.

Wrap, Splat, Hat

Now that the Summer is approaching please ensure children are prepared for the better weather we hope to see. Skin can burn in just 10 minutes so please ensure children stay safe in the sun using three simple steps: **Wrap, Splat, Hat!**



School Uniform

At this time of the year we real–

ise that school uniforms can become a little small and we do not expect parents to purchase new uniforms. However we would greatly appreciate it if every effort could be made to adhere as closely as possible to our uniform policy which states grey trousers/skirt or red summer dress, pale blue polo shirt and plain navy bottoms or shorts on PE days (no badges or designs or other colours). If your child has outgrown his / her shoes and will be wearing casual shoes/trainers please let the class teacher know. Thank you.

Brides Through The Years

Just a little reminder to get your tickets as our big event is on Friday 7th June! Tickets are £7.50 and all money raised will go into school funds! We are all very excited to see our lovely brides in their beautiful dresses!

RelaxKidz

This month each class will participate in a taster session with relaxkidz as a little sample before our after school club next year. Relaxkidz teaches kids to be resilient and gives them tools and techniques to manage their emotional wellbeing and mental health.

Congratulations Matthew Lowry

We are pleased to announce that Matthew in P6 has won a prize in the 'Refill, Reuse' poster competition. He has been invited to an award ceremony in NI Water's Wastewater Heritage Centre, Belfast on [Wednesday 19th June](#). As part of the prize the school has also won a cash prize! Well done Matthew and thank you to Ryan and Hollie McClintock's mum for letting us know about the competition!

Huge Congratulations to our swimming superstars!

Well done Brooke, Rebecca, Lee, Summer, Stevie and Mark for their wonderful participation in the swimming gala. Their behaviour was exemplary and DPS are so proud of them. A huge congratulations to Rebecca as she came first in the girls back stroke final! Wow! You are all superstars!



AR

Please encourage your child to read as much as possible in the next few weeks as AR is coming to an end. We would love it if every child reached their target and got to join in on the AR treat. Remember, the AR treat is a treat for those who have reached their target to show that they are rewarded for hard work!

Pupil Of The Month

Congratulations to all our pupils of the month

P1/2—Jake McFaul
P3 — Billy Snodgrass
P4/5 — Lucy Nicholl
P5/6 — Matthew Cairns
P6/7 — Grace Curry

Learning for the Month

P1/2: Lit: Independent writing & letter formation. Keyword spelling, recap of phonics.
Num: Addition & subtraction, Position & movement.
WAU: Summer Splish, splash splosh!
ICT: Keyboard skills
P3: Lit: Revision of Grammar and Punctuation. Story writing.
Num: HTU addition and subtraction. Weight and Capacity.

WAU: 'Space' baking/weight and aspirations.

P4/5: Lit: Completion of The Perfect Hamburger novel study looking at play scripts, debating skills, adjective searches and character descriptions.

Num: Reading temperatures focusing on negative numbers.

WAU: Continuing Electric Circuits, adding components and switches.

ICT: PowerPoint of Perfect Hamburger author Alexander McCall Smith

P5/6: Lit—Comprehensions, character descriptions, simple/complex sentences and alliteration.

Num— Area & Perimeter, coordinates and percentages.

ICT: Logo and Scratch

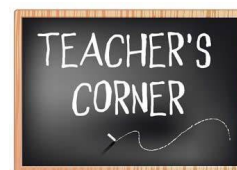
WAU Unsinkable

P6/7: Lit: drama, dialogues, play writing, descriptions

Num: data handling, multiplication, decimals and division.

WAU: business, business, business!

ICT: using excel to create graphs and PowerPoints to create a business presentation.



Every month a teacher will add some interesting websites and iPad apps that

you can use at home with your children. This month it is Mrs McCusker who will be sharing her favourites.

www.bbc.com/bitesize

This contains a wealth of information for all ages in all subject areas. Lots of interesting stuff in science!!!!

Numeracy

www.ictgames.com

Funky Mummy—a fun numeracy game teaching quick recall of addition, subtraction and multiplication facts.