

# November



# 2019

## DIARY DATES

Tues 5th– Maths Games home-work for P6 begin, School Photos  
 Tues 5th - Highland Dancing  
 Wed 6th–WW2 Remembrance Assembly, Scripture Union  
 Thurs 7th Nov-Rev Stockitt Assembly  
 Sat 9th Nov-First AQE test  
 Tues 12th Nov– P1/2 Shared Education (play) @ Donemana P.S, Highland Dancing  
 Wed 13th-Scripture Union  
 Thurs 14th-Rev McCrea assembly, P1/2 Shared Education @ St Michael's  
 Friday 15th-Prefect Application due in  
 Tues 19th- P1/2 Shared Education, Highland Dancing  
 Wed 20th-Scripture Union  
 Thurs 21st-CEF Assembly, Shared Education @ St Michael's  
 Sat 23rd-2nd AQE test  
 Tues 26th-Flu jabs, P1/2 Shared Education (play)  
 Tues 26th-Highland Dancing  
 Thurs 28th-POTM Assembly, P1/2 Shared Education @St Michael's  
 Sat 30th-**LAST** AQE TEST!

Don't forget all diary dates can be seen any time on our app :-)

## October Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to our Pupil of the Month winners the month:

Scarlett in P1/2  
 Darci in P2/3  
 Carson in P4  
 Dean in P5/6  
 Brooke in P6/7

Our Writer of the Month is Poppy for her amazing Autobiography.

Jack C won 10 minutes of extra break time for his entire class as our AR 100% achiever.

Our top spelling shed speller (as of 24.10.19) is Lucas with Mr Potts' class being at the top of the leader board!

Community Award winner is Megan Curry for all the wonderful help she has been giving her niece, Miley. She also has been working so hard on her AQE skills; her big sister Sophie is very proud of her!

## Exceptional Closures

We very much hope that we will not need to close our school on any days over and above those on the holiday sheet, however in exceptional circumstances, for example, heavy snowfall or electricity failure it may be necessary to close for a full day or close early. If this is the case we will notify parents via text message, our school App and our school Facebook page. Any decision to close the school is not made lightly and is made in conjunction with our Board of Governors and always with Health and Safety of our pupils, families and staff at the centre.

## Comments and Complaints

Parents are courteously reminded that we have a comments and complaints procedure in school which is available on our website. It ensures that issues are dealt with fairly, considerately, timely and that our staff are treated

with respect and courtesy. We encourage anyone with a concern to speak to us as soon as possible. If concerns are dealt with at an early stage, then they are more likely to be resolved and there is no unnecessary dissatisfaction. Many issues can be addressed simply by talking to the relevant staff directly, who will be happy to help.

## Smarties

This month each child in our school is going to be given a box of smarties. When they have eaten the smarties they fill the tube with 10p and 20p coins to raise funds. Once their tube is filled they return it to school and we will give them another to fill. This will run from November to the Easter holidays. We are hoping to raise enough funds to top up the funds raised by Brides Through the Years last year to buy laptops for the senior classroom and to go towards new maths books for P4—P7 pupils. We would love a mud kitchen for outdoor play too!

## Prefects

During the next few weeks our P7 children will have the opportunity to apply for the post of prefect. Children interest in applying for the role need to download the application form from the school website, complete it (handwritten or typed) and return it to Mrs Hay by Friday 15th November. These application forms will be discussed by the teachers and prefects will be an-

nounced in assembly at the end of the month.

### **Spelling Shed**

WOW! We are so proud of our wonderful school! Donemana Primary have been outstanding in Spelling Shed! Our amazing school are **FIRST IN THE WORLD!** Please keep encouraging your children to take part in spelling shed as we can already see the effect this is having on their spelling tests in school. Well done everyone!



### **Residential**

We have booked the residential! P7 will be heading to Kilbroney in Rostrevor and it will cost £170. If you would like to start paying, please contact Mrs Browne and she will start a payment card for you. All money will need to be paid by the last weekend of May. Food and transport are included in the price.

### **Home Connect**

A little reminder that children can do A.R. quizzes at home until 4pm. To log in to Renaissance Home Connect use this website:

**<https://ukhosted42.renlearn.co.uk/2252872/HomeConnect>**

Log on using your child's user name and password.

If you'd like to receive emails showing your child's quiz or test results, click the Email Setup link in Renaissance Home Connect and follow the directions. To be sure these emails reach your inbox, add homeconnectautodelivery@renlearnrp.com to your address book.

### **Halloween Clear Out**

Gather up your unwanted clothes, bags, belts, shoes along with bed-linen, curtains and towels bagged separately. Please bring them to Woodlands Pre School Centre and

give to a member of staff between Tuesday 5th and Friday 8th November. Opening times to drop off bags at Woodlands: Tues-Thurs 8:45-5pm, Friday 8:45-2:30pm. This is a joint fundraiser to help raise funds for Woodlands and DPS. We appreciate your support!

### **Santa Night**

Our 'Evening With Santa' will be on Thurs 5th Dec. Please let anyone interested in selling Crafts know that tables will be £10 per table and open from 6pm - 8.30pm

### **[www.donemanaps.com](http://www.donemanaps.com)**

Don't forget to check out our website regularly to see all the great things we are doing in school. If you access the website from your phone you will also be given an option to download our App. With our App you will then be notified when new posts are added to our website. You can also see all Facebook posts on our homepage.

We are hoping to move to digital permission forms and private messages through our App in the near future and will need an active email address for all parents—please ensure you send this to Miss Browne as soon as possible.

### **Dinner Menu**

Our new dinner menu begins after the Halloween break. It can be viewed / downloaded from our school website or via the app.

### **Lunch Time**

Children have approximately 25 minutes to eat at lunch time. P1 and P2 go outside to play at approximately 12.30pm. P3—P7 children rotate in one class at a time and go out to play when they have finished eating. Children who have not finished eating by approximately 12.40pm (usually children in the senior classes) must remain in the dinner hall until

12.45pm to eat their lunch / dinner and then all go out to the playground together.

After these times any remaining lunch is put back in to lunch boxes as dinner trays are tidied away for outside play. Children are encouraged to eat everything within this time.

### **Learning For The Month**

**P1/2** Literacy: s, a, t, i, p, n, c/k, e, h, r, m, d sounds, word building, instructional writing

Numeracy: numbers 2—5 / 14—20 (P2), money, 3D shape and problem solving

WAU: In the Toy box (Shared Education with St Michael's PS)

ICT: Mouse skills, typing skills (for P2), Tizzy's Toy box, Number games

**P2/3** Literacy: 'ing/ed' words, Spelling sentences.

Numeracy: Number to 100/1000, 2d/3d shape

ICT: Paint Programme, Spelling Shed, Mental Maths, Shape

WAU: Houses and Homes

### **P4**

Literacy: Flat Stanley, comprehension, adjectives, nouns and verbs

Numeracy: addition and subtraction, 3D shape, angles, problem solving

WAU: Healthy Eating

ICT: Creating posters and Spelling Shed

### **P5/6**

Literacy: Poetry, adjectives, verbs, comprehension

Numeracy: Written addition and subtraction (Decomposition), multiplication, 24 hour time, timetables, calendars

WAU: Living from the Land

ICT: Fairtrade research and finish 'Country' projects

### **P6/7**

Literacy: poetry, comprehension, plurals, homophones and apostrophes.

Numeracy: perimeter, area, multiplication and negative numbers

ICT: creating videos, leaflets and PowerPoints on space

WAU: Reach For The Stars!

