

December



2020

So long, Farewell!

After a wonderful seven years here at DPS as our secretary, we say goodbye on Friday 4th December to Miss Browne. We cannot thank her enough for all of her hard work and dedication to the daily running of our school. Miss Browne has been a wonderful asset and we will all miss her dearly. We wish her every success in her new job and look forward to future visits.



Office Hours

For hopefully a short term basis, there will be nobody in the school office on a Monday or Tuesday. We encourage parents to only telephone school on these days if your call is urgent. Please leave a message and these will be attended to as soon as possible. Thank you for your co-operation.

Sickness

If your child is unwell and not attending school please telephone us on the first day of their sickness to let us know.

Please refer to the guidance on our website at:
https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetsswd/40/docletter/20201001020443_51_Parent_Carer_Information_mobile_device.pdf

IF ANYONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD HAS SYMPTOMS DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL

YOU MUST NOTIFY SCHOOL ASAP

These symptoms include

- A new continuous cough
- A high temperature/fever
- A loss of or change in your sense of smell or taste

DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL

- The member of the household should book a Covid-19 test.
- Household self-isolates.

- INFORM SCHOOL IMMEDIATELY OF TEST RESULT.

Your child can return to school if the symptomatic person's result is negative and they haven't been advised to self isolate by the PHA contact tracing service.

It is vital that all families follow this guidance to ensure we can keep our full school community safe.

Where a pupil displays gastrointestinal symptoms such as diarrhoea or vomiting they must not attend school until they have been symptom free for 2 days.

Home Time

As home times have been running so smoothly and everyone has been adhering to social distancing, we are delighted to change the first pick up times (surnames A-H) from 2.45pm to 2.50pm. Thank you all for your continued understanding with this.



November Superstars



All of our pupils continue to work very hard and be the best

they can be! However, we did have some Pupil of the Month awards given to pupils for some excellent work throughout the month of November.

They were:

Cruz in Mrs Young and Miss Sayers' class

Thomas in Mrs Connor's class

Jack in Mrs McCusker/Mrs Hay's class

Dean in Mr Potts' class

Alex in Mrs Timoney's class

Carol Service



Each pupil has been practising lots within their

classroom for our annual celebration of Christmas. We have been reflecting on the true meaning of Christmas and celebrating this through scripture readings and music. Unfortunately this year we cannot have our usual packed hall or church, however we hope to make the show available for viewing in the comfort and safety of your home. We hope to have this video available on the school website during the week beginning 14th December 2020 (date to be con-

firmed). It has been wonderful to watch our pupils being their usual, enthusiastic and fantastic selves, reminding us all of what is important in life. May we say a BIG thank you to all of our staff and pupils for their endless enthusiasm and we hope you enjoy watching it!

After Schools Clubs

We now have three after schools clubs running every Thursday.

Mrs Timoney is completing some beautiful Christmas Art with her Primary 7 class from 3-4pm.

Alex is running an exciting literacy and ICT club from 3-4pm with her class bubble.

Joanne is using her enthusiasm for phonics and key words to provide a fun and interactive literacy club for P1 from 2-3pm.

Face coverings

We continue to ask parents to wear a face covering if they have made an appointment to meet a teacher. Parents are not permitted to enter the school building if they have not made an appointment.



#WearFace Coverings

Learning For The Month

P1: Literacy: l,f,b and revi-

sion (jolly phonics sounds)

Key words– including them in our writing. Letter Writing. Numeracy: Numbers 8-10, Problem Solving and 3D shapes.

WAU: Once Upon a Time and Christmas.

P2/3: Literacy: handwriting and letter formation. Compound words and adding suffix.

Numeracy: Time (P2 o'clock and half past) (P3 quarter to, quarter past and digital)

WAU– Christmas Story

ICT– Numeracy games, subtraction and time.

P4/5: Literacy: Christmas Poetry and 'George's Marvellous Medicine (novel study)

Numeracy: Decomposition and symmetry.

WAU: The Vikings.

P5/6: Literacy: Pronouns, Christmas Writing, Christmas Comprehensions and Carol Service rehearsals. Class Novel: 'Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator'

Numeracy: Time/Calendar problems, Patterns and sequences. Function Machines and Christmas Numeracy Activities.

ICT: Cyberbullying

WAU: In the News

P7: Literacy: letter writing, persuasive writing, advertisements, apostrophes, abs contractions.

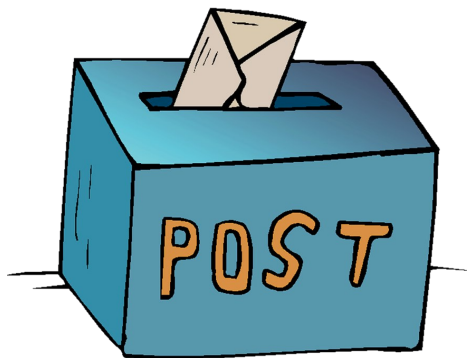
Numeracy: measure, probabil-

ity and problem solving.
WAU: Superhero shields,
Christmas lanterns, Christmas
Activities, salt dough, solids
and liquids.

Christmas Cards

We have had some queries
from our pupils regarding giv-
ing Christmas Cards to their
friends and have come up
with a plan :-)

Children can bring Christmas
Cards into school from Mon-
day 7th December—Thursday
10th December. Each class
will have a Christmas post
box into which children can
pop cards for their friends.
Cards must go straight into
the post box in the morning.
All post boxes will then quar-
antine and teachers will leave
cards on pupil desks on Mon-
day 14th December to be tak-
en home.



Pupil Christmas Cards

Just a little reminder with re-
gards to payment for the
Christmas cards the children
have designed. As per the
App message please send
payment by Friday 4th De-
cember. Thank you

Children's Christmas Raf- fle

Our pupils are also very
keen to ensure our Christ-
mas Raffle proceeds as usual
this year! Raffle tickets will
be sold in each class bubble
on Monday 7th, Tuesday
8th and Wednesday 9th De-
cember with winners being
drawn during assembly on



Thursday 10th December.
Please send money in a plas-
tic bag clearly labelled with
your child's name and how
many tickets they are pur-
chasing. Tickets are 50p
each or 5 for £2.

December Diary Dates

Thurs 3rd— Visit from Santa
and Mayor
Fri 4th— Miss Browne's last
day :(
Wed 9th— Christmas School
Dinner

**Reminder: School will
close half day Friday
18th December for
Christmas Holidays.
Children are to be col-
lected @ 12 noon. School
will resume for pupils on**

**Wednesday 6th January
2021.**

**We would like to take
this opportunity to wish
you all a very happy
Christmas and New Year.
May it be filled with good
health and joy.**

