

## November



## 2022

### DIARY DATES

7th: School Photos  
FFA Meeting @8.15pm  
8th: Rev Richard Assembly  
P7 Hockey Blitz  
9th: P5/6/7 Smoke Busters  
10th: P1 parent phonics meeting @5.30pm  
14th: Anti-bullying week begins  
Board of Governors meeting  
17th: CEF Assembly  
19th: AQE test 1  
22nd: Rev Seth Assembly  
26th: AQE Test 2  
29th: Pupil of the Month Assembly

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

### Letter from the Principal

As we settle into the second half of our first term I would like to remind everyone of the importance of keeping our school community safe and well. Please ensure children who are unwell remain at home until they are recovered. If you have any concerns about Covid please follow NIDirect guidance. We ask that you telephone

school on the first day of the absence or complete the new form on our web-site to let us know your child is unwell and will be off school.

Please see graphic for more information.

We also want to ensure our children are not missing school if they don't need to and that attendance is as high as possible. Holidays during term time are strongly discouraged and I ask to be notified in writing if you are taking your children out of school for any reason. On another note, I have reduced to a four day week for the remainder of this term with possible extension and will not be working on a Wednesday. You may see me at the gate picking up my kids at 3pm.

If there is anything urgent that requires attention on a Wednesday please direct these concerns to Mrs McCusker and I will follow up on Thursdays.

Miss McCann will be covering my teaching duties on Wednesdays as well as Principal Release days.

### Residential

We have booked the residential! P7 will be heading to Jungle NI for lots of adventures and payment schedules will be issued soon.

### Spelling Shed

Massive CONGRATULATIONS to our top Spellers at the moment—Harry

M, Emily A and Jayden. Keep up the amazing work everyone!

### Maths Shed

CONGRATULATIONS to our current top scorers Darci, Billy B and Harry D! Keep it up boys and girls!

### October Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to our Pupil of the Month winners.



### 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.

### AQE Tests

We wish our hardworking P7 pupils

HSC Public Health Agency					
Do I need to keep my child off school?					
<b>Chicken Pox</b> At least 5 days from onset of rash and until all spots have crusted over	<b>Conjunctivitis</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Diarrhoea &amp; Vomiting</b> 48 hours from last episode	<b>Respiratory Illness</b> (e.g. colds & flu) Can return when no longer have a high temperature and well enough	<b>Glandular Fever</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	
<b>Hand, foot &amp; mouth</b> No need to stay off if well enough, but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Impetigo</b> Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 hours after commencing antibiotics	<b>Head Lice</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Measles</b> 4 days from onset of rash	<b>Mumps</b> 5 days from onset of swelling	<b>German Measles (Rubella)</b> 5 days from onset of rash
<b>Scarlet Fever</b> 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	<b>Scabies</b> Until after first treatment	<b>Slapped Cheek</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Threadworms</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Tonsillitis</b> Can return when no longer have a temperature and well enough, school or nursery should be informed	<b>Whooping Cough</b> 48 hours after commencing antibiotics
Use this guide to find out when they should stay off, and when they can go back if they are well enough to do so.					

all the very best in their upcoming AQE tests. We know you will do us proud as you will do your best! We think you are simply wonderful!



### **Echo Echo Dance & Drum**

P3/4 are continuing to enjoy their dance /drum project after the half term break. They are working towards a joint workshop with St Michaels to be held in Echo Echo Dance Studio on the walls of Londonderry on the 5th of December, which will be open for friends and family to attend. More details to follow soon.

### **P4 Paired Reading**

It is a busy classroom in P4 at the moment! P4s are currently on week 3 of a Paired Reading project. Huge thanks to all family members who are supporting this project from home.

### **Home Connect**

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](mailto:homeconnectautodelivery@renlearnrp.com) to your ad-

dress book.



### **NESSY website**

All children from P3 to P7 have access to the Nessy website, designed to

support spelling and reading, for this academic year. Log in details will come from your child's class teacher. Children are free to use this website at home for no more than 20 mins per session.

### **Santa Night**

Our 'Evening With Santa' will be on 14th December. Please let anyone interested in selling Crafts know that tables will be £10 per table and see the attached poster for lots more information :-)



### **Learning For The Month**

#### **P1**

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

Numeracy: numbers 2—5 / 14, 2D shape and problem solving

WAU:

ICT: Mouse skills, typing skills

**P2/3** Literacy: Jolly Phonics and sentence building.

Numeracy: 2d/3d shape, counting in 2 and 5's, addition

ICT: Phonics, Spelling Shed, Mental Maths, Shape

WAU: A Time To Rhyme

#### **P3/4**

Literacy: spelling patterns, jolly phonics revision, comprehension, punctuation revision, adjectives, nouns.

Numeracy: Place Value-portioning numbers, addition, 3D shape, problem solving

WAU: Houses and Homes

ICT: Publisher - creating word art, research on goggle, spelling shed and Nessy.

#### **P5/6**

Literacy: Poetry, nouns, adjectives, verbs, comprehension

Numeracy: Rounding, Mental + & - , Written + & - (Decomposition),

24 hour time, timetables, calendars

WAU: The World Cup

ICT: Using Microsoft Word

#### **P7**

Literacy: Diary entries, comprehension, expanding vocabulary, using conjunctions, expressing own opinion.

Numeracy: place value, decimals, multiplication and units of measurement.

ICT: creating music, leaflets, posters and researching our chosen super heroes.

WAU: Super Heroes!



DPS Family and Friends Association are hosting a Santa extravaganza evening on Wednesday 14th December 2022.

This event is open to enrolled pupils, younger siblings and parents, and staff initially. If further spaces are available these will be opened to general sale.

There will be:

A Winter woodland of lights to explore and take photos in

A Christmas decoration to make and take home

Reindeer food to make and take home

A Christmas biscuit to decorate and take home

Christmas stories to hear

Craft stalls to explore

And a Christmas movie to watch

Children will receive a drink, snack and a gift from Santa.

Adults will receive a hot drink and a festive treat.

Cost:

£10 per child (children aged under 1 are free)

£5 for adults

Booking requests will be done via an online form which will be sent out via our school app and no money will be requested until closer to the time when your time slot will be confirmed and tickets sent out.