



December 2014



DATES FOR DIARY

4th - P5/6/7 Science Show@ Waterside Theatre.

4th - Rev Stockitt's School Assembly.

9th -Mrs Wilson's parent meetings.

10th-Miss McCaskie returns as Mrs Young.

10th-Extreme Team School Assembly.

10th-PTA Supper with Santa event.

10th- 'FAST' Training

12th-Christmas jumper day-£1 donation to Save the Children.

12th 'FAST' training.

15th-final 'i-learn' club.

17th- Christmas dinner and children's' raffle.

18th- CEF Assembly, Pupil of Month Assembly.

18th- D.P.S Carol Service in Presbyterian Church at 6pm

19th- Half Day-finish at noon.

Wednesday 7th Jan- School reopens.

PRIMARY 1 ENTRY

The parents of children starting Year 1 in September **MUST** complete their application form by 14th January'15. If friends or family wish to visit the school, please encourage them to do so.

CEF ASSEMBLY

Children will enjoy the Christmas Story led by Heather Watson on 18th December



Shoe Box Appeal

Many thanks to all who contributed to this worthy appeal. Over 40 boxes will be making children VERY happy this Christmas.

COATS

As we encourage our children to exercise at break time, it is important that each child comes to school with a **clearly named** coat.



WATER BOTTLES

We encourage children to keep their fluid levels up during the school day and allow a water bottle to sit at their desk. Please ensure it is only water contained within.

ACCELERATED READING

Accelerated reading is working well for P3-7 children. Please keep reading over Christmas and claim prizes in the new year!

MOBILE PHONE NUMBERS

Please make sure the school is fully updated with your contact details. I know mobile numbers change so often and it is vitally important D.P.S. are kept up to date.



PREFECTS

We would like to extend a, 'THANK YOU' to Adam, Chloe and Nicole who are wonderful at doing lots of jobs to help teachers and children at D.P.S!



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CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

This year ALL children will be taking part on

18th

December in Donemana Presbyterian Church at **6.15pm.**

Please support this seasonal event and bring along friends and family.



AFTER SCHOOLS CLUB

Every place in After Schools Club is valuable! Please ring and let us know if your child is not using their place as it can be offered to another child on the waiting list.

Please be prompt with collection times: **5:45pm sharp.** Additional late charges will apply.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

The children's Christmas dinner will take place on 17th December. Heather and the staff make a delicious turkey and ham dinner and we encourage as many as possible to join in with the event. As a fun task, raffle tickets will be on sale for children priced at 20p. Children can buy tickets during break and win a selection of TOYS!

RECYCLING

Just to remind parents of our recycling facilities. We have a bank on the playground where you can recycle shoes, curtains, clothes, sheets, towels and blankets. The bank will be going soon, so last chance to have a clear out!



MILK

The price of milk will increase from 18p to 20p with effect from 1st JAN'15.



LEARNING THIS MONTH!

The following is a brief 'snapshot' relating to the learning this month is each class!

P1- Literacy- g,o,u,l,f,b sounds

Keywords, letter writing.

Numeracy- numbers 1-7, Money

Topic-Christmas

ICT-mouse control

P2 Literacy- multi syllables, sh, ch, ck,qu,ar,ng,th sounds,Carebear adventures and Winnie in Winter tasks.

Numeracy- time and money

Topic- Toys

ICT- Numeracy games

P3/4-Literacy- story writing

Numeracy- 3d shape, measure.

ICT-Powerpoint, mental maths games

P5/6- Literacy- poetry, rhyme, similes, metaphors, adjectives, alliteration, phonics.



Numeracy- division, volume

Topic- 'Me'

ICT-word processing

P6/7-Literacy- Stig of the Dump tasks, collective nouns, palindromes

Numeracy- 2d and 3d shape

ICT- Fruit and veg powerpoints.