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# February 2015



## DATES FOR DIARY

- 3rd - Stay and Play (P1)
- 4th - P1, P5/6 visit Strabane Library
- 5th - Bee Safe Policing and Community Safety talk in Fir Tree Hotel (P6/7) Rev Stockitt's Assembly
- 6th - P1 trip to cinema.
- 10th - Stay and Play (P1)
- 12th - Extreme Team assembly. 3pm-5.30pm 'FAST'
- P6/7 at STEM.
- 13th - Happy Heart Day
- 19th - CEF assembly, FAST and STEM (P6/7)
- 26th - Pupil of the Month assembly, 3pm-5.30pm 'FAST' and STEM (P6/7)
- 27th - Heather, our cook - last day. Celebration assembly 1.30pm - ALL welcome!

## COOK RETIRES

Heather Witherow, our head cook has announced she will be retiring from working at D.P.S at the end of February. Heather has worked almost 20 years in our kitchen and all staff and pupils will greatly miss her delicious dinners! A celebration assembly will be held in school on Friday 27th Feb at 1.30pm. ALL welcome!

## PRIMARY 1 ENTRY

As this is the time of year for enrolling Primary 1 children for September 2015, can we remind parents that although the closing date has passed, late applications can still be accepted. Parents and children who are not yet enrolled or are new to the area, are more than welcome to come and see around the school.

## HALF TERM HOLIDAY

School will be closed Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th February for half term

## YEAR 7 AQE TEST

The results of the Common Entrance Assessment test for transferring children, were received on Saturday 31st January. Well done to the children involved and we wish all our children in Primary 7 the very best as they consider secondary level options at this time.

## CHURCH HALL

Please can we encourage parents to use the church hall car park as an 'over flow' facility. Thanks to the Church of Ireland for allowing this!

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

At Donemana Primary School we want to be the best at all times. It is important to give a great first impression to any visitors to school which is why it is so important to wear proper uniform at all times. Please ensure your child wears black or brown school shoes or boots on uniform days and PLAIN (no stripes, badges or designs) navy tracksuit bottoms on PE days. Children wearing uniform in line with our policy will be rewarded with house points.

## FAST

'FAST' had their 1st meeting last week and all parents, children and staff involved had a wonderful time.





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## 50TH BIRTHDAY RE- UNION DINNER

Thank you to all those who attended. The night was thoroughly enjoyed by all with lots of 'chin-wagging and catching up with friends past and present.



## BEE SAFE

Children in P6/7 enjoyed learning about internet safety, drugs/alcohol, emergency services etc in Strabane's Fir Tree Hotel.



## LEARNING THIS MONTH!

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

**P1-** Literacy- z, w, ng, v, oo, oy, x, ch, sh, th sounds  
Keywords, letter writing.

Numeracy- ordering numbers 1-20

Topic-1980's

ICT-mouse control

**P2** Literacy- writing poems  
Carebear adventures and 2 letters make 1 sound.

Numeracy- length, weight, capacity

WAU- People Who Help Us  
ICT- word processing

**P3/4-** Literacy- story writing, poetry

Numeracy- time, fractions  
ICT-RM Colour Magic  
WAU-Frozen topic

**P5/6-** Literacy- Story Writing, diary writing

Numeracy- 2d/3d shape, angles, co-ordinates  
ICT- Power-points relating to Austria  
WAU-Inspirational People

**P6/7-** Literacy- commas, contractions, direct speech.

Numeracy- fractions and decimals

ICT-Black Cat Logo.

WAU-Fairtrade

## MUSIC THROUGH THE DECADES

As part of our birthday celebrations, children at D.P.S. have started dance lessons! Find out below what decade your child is representing. Please start gathering up items they could wear as part of their performance. Dates for this musical extravaganza will follow.

P1- 80'S

P2- 90'S

P3/4- 70'S

P5/6- 60'S

P6/7- 2000'S

## HAPPY HEART DAY

Friday 13th February is 'Happy Heart Day'. Children are encouraged to wear red, pink or purple to school. In return we ask children to donate **£1** to help fund British Heart Foundation Northern Ireland. Chicken goujons, pizza, chips and heart shaped biscuits will be available for lunch on Friday 13th.

