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December 2015



DATES FOR DIARY

1st - P1-P5 walk to Post Office to post letters to Santa!
 Arts and Crafts Club, Spanish
 3rd- School Assembly.
 4th -KS1+2 football, P4-5 Sport4life
 7th-i-Learn Club
 P1+2 visit Santa in Donemana shop
 Tickets go on sale for Christmas Show
 8th-Spanish, Arts and Crafts club
 P6/7@Strabane Academy Christmas Show
 9th-Choir singing in Foyleside 2pm-2.45pm
 10th- Rev Stockitt's assembly, Supper with Santa, Christmas dinner, Christmas jumper day- £1 donation to purchase Christmas lights for PTA
 11th-KS 1+2 football, Sport4life (P4/5)
 14th -i-Learn, bouncy castle fun!
 15th-Arts and crafts club, dress rehearsal for Christmas show
 16th- Christmas show@10am
 17th- CEF Assembly, Pupil of Month Assembly, Evening performance of Christmas Show
 18th- Mrs Crosbie's last day. Half Day

PRIMARY 1 ENTRY

The parents of children starting Year 1 in September **MUST** complete their application form by noon on 13th 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 17th December



Shoe Box Appeal

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

PREFECTS

We would like to extend a, 'CONGRATULATIONS' to Molly, Megan, Katie, Cody, William, Jacob and Emma who are wonderful at doing lots of jobs as prefects to help teachers and children at D.P.S!



ACCELERATED READING

Accelerated reading is working well for P3-7 children. Please keep reading over Christmas!

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.



SINGING IN FOYLESIDE

Mrs Crosbie and Mrs Young will be taking our school choir to sing in Foyleside on **Wed 9th Dec** from 2-2.45pm. Please come and support us if you are in the area shopping! It is a charity event for 'Save the Children'.



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.



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CHRISTMAS SHOW

This year ALL children will be taking part in 'Christmas Day with Scrooge' on **16th Dec @ 10am+**
17th @6.30pm in our school assembly hall. Please support this seasonal event and bring along friends and family. Ticket sales information will come home during this week.



LETTER FROM MRS AMOR

Dear Parents, I just wanted to introduce myself as part of the newsletter. I was a Principal in Sion Mills for twenty years and retired at the end of August. I didn't retire for long! I was asked to cover Mrs Hay's Principal days for the duration of her maternity leave. I will be in school on Mondays, Tuesdays and half day Thursdays. I hope I get a chance to meet you at the Christmas show!

A sad part of my job this month will be saying

GOODBYE to Mrs Crosbie. In the short time I have known Mrs Crosbie I can quickly recognise what a tower of strength and information she is to the school. I know you will join me in wishing her every success in her new job in Omagh. We are going to invite her back in January for a school Assembly for parents, staff and children. We thank her for her dedication and commitment to Donemana Primary and look forward to hearing about her successes in the future. Mrs Crosbie's replacement for the rest of the year is Miss D Savory. Miss Savory has experience teaching in all year groups and we look forward to welcoming her in January. May I wish you all a Happy Christmas and God's blessing for the New Year.

D.Amor



Miss Savory



LEARNING THIS MONTH!

The following is a brief 'snap-shot' relating to the learning this month is each class!

P1- Literacy- ai, j, oa, l, f, b soinds. Keywords, letter writing.

Numeracy- numbers 7-10
Time

Topic-The Woods
ICT-logging on independently
P2 Literacy- multi syllables, sh, ch, ck,qu,ar,ng,th sounds, Carebear adventures .
Numeracy- subtraction, time and money

Topic- The Woods
ICT- Numeracy games
P3-Literacy- story writing
Numeracy- Tens+Units, word-ed problems

ICT-Starting Graph
P4/5- Literacy- poetry, letter writing
Numeracy- CBA, multiplication
Topic- 'Me'
ICT-CBA



P6/7-Literacy- letter writing, direct speech, gender
Numeracy- Dividing by 10, 100, 1000, fractions, shape
ICT- NINA, NILA
Topic:'Mind your own Business'