

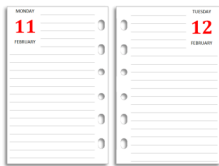


## February

## 2017



### DIARY DATES



- Friday 3rd: Cook It!
- Wednesday 8th: Primary Seven Road Safety Team at Quiz in The Belfry
- Thursday 9th: Woodlands Pre-School Valentines Disco
- Friday 10th: Cook It!
- Mrs Long's last day
- Primary Six and Seven begin Lego Mindstorms project
- Monday 13th - Friday 17th: Half Term Holiday
- Tuesday 21st: Mrs Young returns
- Closing date for Community Nominated Achievement Award Nominations
- Wednesday 22nd: Mrs McCusker returns
- Primary three Party Snacks Cookery begins (after school)
- Primary five, six and seven Ulster Scott's Club begins (after school)
- Primary four and five French storytelling project begins
- Friday 24th: Final Cook It!
- Tuesday 28th: SU resumes

### HAVE A WONDERFUL HALF TERM AND BE SAFE!

- Be aware of the dangers when crossing the road in winter.
- Avoid harm on the farm.



### COMMUNITY NOMINATED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

A HUGE thank you to all those who took the time to nominate so many of our children for our first ever community award. We were so pleased to see that so many of our children are as wonderful outside of school as they are inside school! We are very pleased to announce our first winner... CONGRATULATIONS SKYE!



### UPDATED CHILD PROTECTION AND POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR AND ANTI-BULLYING POLICIES

If you have not yet returned the reply slips attached to the policies named above please return them to the school office by Friday 10th February.

### CAR PARKING

We have yet to receive any letters with regards to the health and safety concerns about car parking at our school as outlined in the last newsletter. Please forward letters to the

school office at your earliest convenience.

### VALENTINES DINNER MENU

The children in school have all been busy designing a Valentines themed menu. Valine will be picking a winning menu within the next week and this menu will be served on Wednesday 8th February.

### ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS

Our school will be used as a polling station for the Assembly Elections on **Thursday 2nd March 2017** and therefore will be closed to children on this day.

### ROAD SAFETY QUIZ

Well done to Caitlin, Ethan, Mark and Scott who have been selected to represent our school at the upcoming



Regional Heat of the Northern Ireland Road Safety Quiz.

This event, which is for P7 pupils, has been running for over 20 years but this is the first year it will be run across all 11 new council areas, giving us the opportunity to participate.

The table quiz will cover both road safety and general knowledge. The quiz will consist of 7 rounds of 8 questions plus an extra round on road signs. Prizes will be given to the first, second & third placed teams and everyone involved will take home a certificate.

As an added incentive the top two teams from each heat will progress to the Northern Ireland Finals which will take place at the NI Fire & Rescue Training Centre, Boucher Road, Belfast on Monday 20th February 2017 at 7pm.

Watch this space to see how we do!



### **PUPIL OF THE MONTH**

**HUGE CONGRATULATIONS** to our pupil of the month in each class for January!

Billy in Miss Sayer's class  
 Ruby in Miss Nutt's class  
 Matthew S in Miss Connor's class  
 Alex in Mrs Long's class  
 Ethan in Mr Potts' class  
 And our ARopoly winner was Scott who won a jeans day for the whole school!



### **STAFF CHANGES**

We will be saying goodbye to Mrs Long on Friday 10h February. We

would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all of her hard work while she has been here at DPS. We wish her every success in the future and wish her well with the upcoming arrival of baby Long. We will miss you Mrs Long and hope you will come back to see us!

We will be welcoming back Mrs Young and Mrs McCusker this month. Mrs Young will be teaching P1/2 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays while Miss Sayers will continue to teach them on Mondays and Fridays. Mrs McCusker will be teaching P4/5 on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays while Mrs Hay will be teaching them on Mondays and Tuesdays. If any parents have queries regarding these teaching patterns

please make an appointment to speak to Mrs Hay.

### **AFTERSCHOOLS CLUBS**

This month we are excited to welcome back SU, introduce party snacks cookery for P3 and Ulster Scott's Club for P5, 6 and 7! If your child attended SU in term 1 they do not need an additional permission slip but please let us know if they will be attending. New children who wish to join in with SU need to ask Miss Browne for a permission slip. Permission slips for party snacks cookery and Ulster Scott's Club have been given out—if you didn't get one just ask.



### **PAYMENTS**

It would be greatly appreciated if payment for school dinners and afterschool clubs could be sent to the school office in a money envelope every Monday morning for the upcoming week.

Late payment notices will be sent out every Monday afternoon for the previous week.

### **NAUGHTY BREAK**

The last Friday of the month is naughty break as a reward for eating lots of healthy snacks every other day and only fruit on a Friday. Valine in the kitchen makes delicious naughty treats for this last Friday so remember to bring money to school. P1 and P2 will get their snack as usual but can buy naughty break too!



## **LEARNING THIS MONTH!**



### **P1**

Literacy: Jolly Phonics 'v' 'oo' 'y', 'x' 'ch' 'sh', 'th' 'qu' 'ou', Sentence structure and an introduction to procedural writing (recipe)

Numeracy: Numbers 0-15 and Data handling (Venn diagram)

WAU: Brrr! It's Freezing!

ICT: ColourMagic, and Numeracy ICT games

### **P2**

Literacy: Linguistic phonics, procedural writing, question marks

Numeracy: Data Handling, weight, addition

WAU: Brrr! It's Freezing!

ICT: Graph work, mental maths and ColorMagic

### **P3**

Literacy: linguistic phonics, procedural writing, recount, comprehension, vowels and 'is' or 'are'.

Numeracy:

ICT: saving documents, Valentines posters, AR.

WAU: Yum yum!

### **P4/5**

Literacy: Recounts, Past, Present and future tense and comprehension

Numeracy: division, time and problem solving and times tables/division facts.

ICT: Power Point, saving and retrieving saved documents.

WAU: Back to the future!

### **P6/7**

Literacy: Recount Writing, Direct Speech, Prepositions and Comprehension activities.

Numeracy: Decimals, Measure, Area and Perimeter

ICT: Slideshows using Microsoft PowerPoint

WAU: Junior Entrepreneur Programme

