

October



2019

Welcome back everyone! We hope all children have had a great first month back at school. We look forward to the academic year ahead and here's to lots of challenges and learning but most of all fun!



DIARY DATES

1st-highland dancing
Jo Jingles (P1)
2nd-Be Fit For fun (P1)
3rd- Relax Kidz
4th-Football starting for P1/2
8th- Jo Jingles (P1)
Highland Dancing
9th—Scripture Union begins
10th-Relax Kidz
14th- School council trip to Guild-hall
15th-Jo Jingles (P1)
Highland Dancing
16th-Scripture Union
17th-CEF Assembly
Relax Kidz
22nd-Jo Jingles (P1)
Highland Dancing
23rd-Scripture Union
24th-Relax Kidz
28th-Mrs Young returns
29th-Harvest Assembly
Jo Jingles (P1)
Highland Dancing

Bed-Time Story Club (details to follow)
30th-School Closed for Halloween
All children to return to school on Tuesday 5th November.

Curriculum Evening

We held our annual Curriculum Evening on Wednesday 19th September. The staff would like to thank the parents for attending and we hope you found it informative and useful. We really appreciate your support! We hope you enjoyed our numeracy games and the wonderful mini-movies the children created; we have superstars in our school!

Welcome, Welcome!

We are extremely proud to welcome our youngest members of DPS, our Primary One pupils. They are settling in really well and we wish them lots of luck throughout their school journey!

Packed Lunches

Children's lunch boxes should contain at least one portion of:

Bread, cereals or potatoes e.g. wholemeal roll, pitta pocket, pasta or



rice salad

Fruit and vegetables e.g. Small box of raisins, an apple, carrot sticks

Milk and dairy foods e.g. Individual cheese portion, yogurt (healthy)

Meat, fish and alternatives e.g. Chicken, ham, tuna

Only 1 **small** treat item

A drink e.g. Water, milk, pure fruit juice (no added sugar), smoothie

Remember

- ◇ Only water in water bottles
- ◇ Healthy breaks
- ◇ Fruit only Fridays
- ◇ Naughty Break first Friday of the month
- ◇ BIG BREAKFAST last Friday of the month

Harvest Assembly

Harvest will be taking place on Tuesday 29th October at 10.30pm in the Presbyterian Church. We look forward to seeing all parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles!

No Smoking At Gate

We would really appreciate it if parents would refrain from smoking

In an effort to save paper we would be grateful if parents would read the newsletter online via our website or App. A notification will show on the App when the newsletter is available and online it will be available on the 1st of each month (unless this falls on a weekend and then it will be the Monday following this). If you are happy to do this please return this slip to school.

I DO NOT need a printed copy of the newsletter and will access it each month via the website / App.

Signed _____ (parent/guardian). Names of pupils: _____

at the school gates as the children will be coming in and out. Thank –you in advance!

Maths Games

"The essence of mathematics is not to make simple things complicated, but to make complicated things simple."
— S. Gudder.

We had a wonderful maths games night during the curriculum evening displaying information on our maths games homework.

Children in P3,P4,P5,P6 and P7 will receive numeracy games home for a six week block throughout the year. All teachers have levelled the games to suit the needs of each child. The game will be sent home on Tuesday and will be returned the following Monday.

Numeracy Games blocks will be:

P3's from 17th September

P4's from 17th September

P5's from 21st April

P6's from 5th November

P7's from 25th February

Musical Pathways

Our wonderful musical Pathways sessions are continuing this year. These fun and interactive music lessons are a great way for pupils from Primary One to Seven to engage in singing activities and experiment with percussion instruments. Such lessons are delivered by Mrs O'Hare, an extremely talented and capable music teacher. Mrs O'Hare is also providing our talented children with vocal coaching on Wednesday morning!

School Uniform

The school uniform policy is still the same however we would like to emphasise the 'no jewellery' rule. Children should not wear any jewellery to school. Stud earrings may

be worn but must be taken out or covered during P.E.

Shoe Box Appeal

The shoebox appeal will be happening again this year. Empty shoeboxes will be available to buy in school and filled shoeboxes will need to be into school by Friday 8th November for collection the following week.

Robin Hood

On Friday 28th September we were treated to a production of 'Robin Hood'. It was full of fantastic acting and music which was thoroughly enjoyed by all! We even had some of our children join in, look out Hollywood as Donemana will soon be taking over!

Community Nominated

Achievement Award

We will be continuing with our community nominated award this year. As a parent you can nominate your own child or another child for this award. Reasons for nominations can be anything from being extra helpful around the house to achieving something special outside of school. Our children give us plenty of reasons to be proud of the every day! You can let Mrs Timoney know before the end of every month if you would like to nominate a child for this award. People in the community can also nominate a pupil for this award.



Our winner this month is Miley for conquering her fear and jumping in the deep end of the pool! You are much braver than us Miley, you are a superstar!

Learning For The Month

P1/2 Literacy: listening skills; Key words and sounds revision for P2
Numeracy: Sorting; Revision of numbers to 10 moving on to numbers within 20 (P2)

WAU: A time to rhyme

ICT: Logging on to the computer, names of the parts of the computer

P2/3 Literacy: Spellings, spelling sentences, Key word sentences, capital letters, full stops.

Numeracy: Numbers bonds of 20, two times tables, missing numbers, time

ICT: spelling games, odd/even tasks

WAU: Houses and Homes

P4

Literacy: Novel Study: Flat Stanley, comprehension, punctuation, nouns and verbs

Numeracy: Addition, subtraction including decomposition, symmetry and problem solving

WAU: Food balance and Healthy Eating.

P5/6

Literacy: Poetry, common and proper nouns, adjectives and non-fiction comprehension

Numeracy: Place value, rounding, IZAK 9, time, mental addition and subtraction

WAU: Living from the Land

ICT: 'Country' Project

P6/7

Literacy: Spellings, grammar, punctuation, informal letter writing, autobiographies and biographies

Numeracy: place Value, decimals, shape and angles.

ICT: Letter writing in Word, fact finding using google chrome and biography research.

WAU: Reach For The Stars