

## December



## 2020

### So long, Farewell!

After a wonderful seven years here at DPS as our secretary, we say goodbye on Friday 4th December to Miss Browne. We cannot thank her enough for all of her hard work and dedication to the daily running of our school. Miss Browne has been a wonderful asset and we will all miss her dearly. We wish her every success in her new job and look forward to future visits.



### Office Hours

For hopefully a short term basis, there will be nobody in the school office on a Monday or Tuesday. We encourage parents to only telephone school on these days if your call is urgent. Please leave a message and these will be attended to as soon as possible. Thank you for your co-operation.

### Sickness

If your child is unwell and not attending school please telephone us on the first day of their sickness to let us know.

Please refer to the guidance on our website at:

[https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetsswd/40/docletter/20201001020443\\_51\\_Parent\\_Carer\\_Information\\_mobile\\_device.pdf](https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetsswd/40/docletter/20201001020443_51_Parent_Carer_Information_mobile_device.pdf)

### IF ANYONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD HAS SYMPTOMS DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL

### YOU MUST NOTIFY SCHOOL ASAP

These symptoms include

- A new continuous cough
- A high temperature/fever
- A loss of or change in your sense of smell or taste

### DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL

- The member of the household should book a Covid-19 test.
- Household self-isolates.

- INFORM SCHOOL IMMEDIATELY OF TEST RESULT.

Your child can return to school if the symptomatic person's result is negative and they haven't been advised to self isolate by the PHA contact tracing service.

**It is vital that all families follow this guidance to ensure we can keep our full school community safe.**

Where a pupil displays gastrointestinal symptoms such as diarrhoea or vomiting they must not attend school until they have been symptom free for 2 days.

### Home Time

As home times have been running so smoothly and everyone has been adhering to social distancing, we are delighted to change the first pick up times (surnames A-H) from 2.45pm to 2.50pm. Thank you all for your continued understanding with this.



## November Superstars



All of our pupils continue to work very hard and be the best

they can be! However, we did have some Pupil of the Month awards given to pupils for some excellent work throughout the month of November.

They were:

**Cruz** in Mrs Young and Miss Sayers' class

**Thomas** in Mrs Connor's class

**Jack** in Mrs McCusker/Mrs Hay's class

**Dean** in Mr Potts' class

**Alex** in Mrs Timoney's class

## Carol Service



Each pupil has been practising lots within their

classroom for our annual celebration of Christmas. We have been reflecting on the true meaning of Christmas and celebrating this through scripture readings and music. Unfortunately this year we cannot have our usual packed hall or church, however we hope to make the show available for viewing in the comfort and safety of your home. We hope to have this video available on the school website during the week beginning 14th December 2020 (date to be con-

firmed). It has been wonderful to watch our pupils being their usual, enthusiastic and fantastic selves, reminding us all of what is important in life. May we say a BIG thank you to all of our staff and pupils for their endless enthusiasm and we hope you enjoy watching it!

## After Schools Clubs

We now have three after schools clubs running every Thursday.

Mrs Timoney is completing some beautiful Christmas Art with her Primary 7 class from 3-4pm.

Alex is running an exciting literacy and ICT club from 3-4pm with her class bubble.

Joanne is using her enthusiasm for phonics and key words to provide a fun and interactive literacy club for P1 from 2-3pm.

## Face coverings

We continue to ask parents to wear a face covering if they have made an appointment to meet a teacher. Parents are not permitted to enter the school building if they have not made an appointment.



#WearFace Coverings

## Learning For The Month

**P1:** Literacy: l,f,b and revi-

sion (jolly phonics sounds) Key words– including them in our writing. Letter Writing. Numeracy: Numbers 8-10, Problem Solving and 3D shapes.

WAU: Once Upon a Time and Christmas.

**P2/3:** Literacy: handwriting and letter formation. Compound words and adding suffix.

Numeracy: Time (P2 o'clock and half past) (P3 quarter to, quarter past and digital)

WAU– Christmas Story  
ICT– Numeracy games, subtraction and time.

**P4/5:** Literacy: Christmas Poetry and 'George's Marvellous Medicine (novel study)

Numeracy: Decomposition and symmetry.

WAU: The Vikings.

**P5/6:** Literacy: Pronouns, Christmas Writing, Christmas Comprehensions and Carol Service rehearsals. Class Novel: 'Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator'

Numeracy: Time/Calendar problems, Patterns and sequences. Function Machines and Christmas Numeracy Activities.

ICT: Cyberbullying

WAU: In the News

**P7:** Literacy: letter writing, persuasive writing, advertisements, apostrophes, abs contractions.

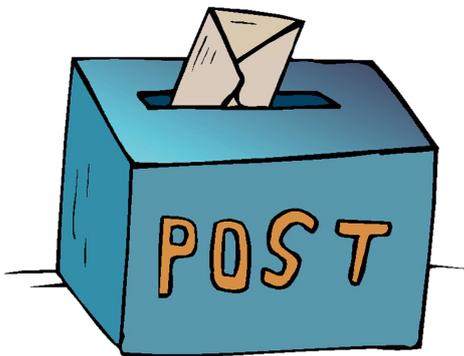
Numeracy: measure, probabilit-

ity and problem solving.  
WAU: Superhero shields,  
Christmas lanterns, Christmas  
Activities, salt dough, solids  
and liquids.

### Christmas Cards

We have had some queries  
from our pupils regarding giv-  
ing Christmas Cards to their  
friends and have come up  
with a plan :-)

Children can bring Christmas  
Cards into school from Mon-  
day 7th December—Thursday  
10th December. Each class  
will have a Christmas post  
box into which children can  
pop cards for their friends.  
Cards must go straight into  
the post box in the morning.  
All post boxes will then quar-  
antine and teachers will leave  
cards on pupil desks on Mon-  
day 14th December to be tak-  
en home.



### Pupil Christmas Cards

Just a little reminder with re-  
gards to payment for the  
Christmas cards the children  
have designed. As per the  
App message please send  
payment by Friday 4th De-  
cember. Thank you

### Children's Christmas Raf- fle

Our pupils are also very  
keen to ensure our Christ-  
mas Raffle proceeds as usual  
this year! Raffle tickets will  
be sold in each class bubble  
on Monday 7th, Tuesday  
8th and Wednesday 9th De-  
cember with winners being  
drawn during assembly on



Thursday 10th December.  
Please send money in a plas-  
tic bag clearly labelled with  
your child's name and how  
many tickets they are pur-  
chasing. Tickets are 50p  
each or 5 for £2.

### December Diary Dates

Thurs 3rd– Visit from Santa  
and Mayor  
Fri 4th– Miss Browne's last  
day :(  
Wed 9th– Christmas School  
Dinner

**Reminder: School will  
close half day Friday  
18th December for  
Christmas Holidays.  
Children are to be col-  
lected @ 12 noon. School  
will resume for pupils on**

**Wednesday 6th January  
2021.**

**We would like to take  
this opportunity to wish  
you all a very happy  
Christmas and New Year.  
May it be filled with good  
health and joy.**

