

May



2021

Diary Dates

Mon 3rd: School Closed– Bank holiday

Fri 28th: Staff Training– no school for pupils

Mon 31st: School closed– bank holiday

Welcome to DP\$

We are delighted to welcome two new members of staff to our wonderful school. Mrs Murphy is our new school secretary and will be here every day until 2pm. Mrs McGinnis is our new teaching Assistant and she will be working in the P2/3 classroom. We wish both ladies all the very best with their new posts.



Mrs Murphy



Mrs McGinnis

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/siteassetswd/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

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.



To Reverend Stockitt

As a school community, we would like to take this opportunity to wish Rev Stockitt all the very best

for his forthcoming retirement. Rev Stockitt has been a wonderful chairman of our Board Of Governors and has provided engaging assemblies as well as general visits to school. He has been very supportive to both staff and pupils, always taking inter-

est in progress as well as school life. Thank you Rev Stockitt for all your years of service. We hope you have a very healthy and happy retirement.

April Superstars

All of our amazing pupils continue to work hard in class. However, we did have some Pupil of the Month awards given to pupils for some excellent work throughout the month of April. They were:

Sophie in Mrs Young and Miss Sayers' class

Anna S in Mrs Connor's class

Holly in Mrs McCusker and Mrs Hay's class

Zac in Mr Potts' class

Ryan in Mrs Timoney's class

Marvellous Mud Kitchen

Our new Mud Kitchen has proved to be a wonderful addition to our school!



'The Men's Shed' very kindly crafted and donated the Mud Kitchen to our school. It is a fantastic resource to encourage cre-

ativity, team work and imaginative skills. We are so very grateful to this group for their kindness and encouragement.

Sport's Day plans to be continued.....

Due to current restrictions we cannot run our Sports Day as normal. However, we are keeping a very close eye on any easing of restrictions and will do our very best to run the safest possible Sports Day. All pupils will participate in class races and we will keep in touch with regards to whether or not any spectators will be allowed.

Shared Education

We are continuing our positive partnership with St. Michael's PS and all teachers have been engaging in virtual planning sessions. We will be writing pen-pal letters to each other, focusing on our school crests and exploring virtual lessons. Our theme is 'All Together, Different.' We are excited to catch up with all of our friends again.



P7 Business

P7 are completing a Young Enterprise programme and participating in the Virgin Money Make £5 Grow programme. They will be selling products within the school towards the end of this month. Keep your eyes and ears peeled!



Learning for the Month

P1:
Lit: Jolly Phonics revision of all sounds, key words and independent writing
Num: Number bonds, addition and numbers 11-20, Measures- capacity and Data handling

WAU: Summer: Under the Sea

P2/3:

Lit: Basic punctuation, letter writing and revision of key words.

Num: Weight and capacity, Addition, subtraction, x2 and x10.

P4/5:

Lit: Story Writing, grammar; revision of nouns, verb and adjectives, direct speech, letter writing.

Num: Time, division and fractions.

WAU: The Vikings

P5/6:

Lit: Letter writing, comprehension, commas and possessive apostrophe.

Num: Data Handling, Fractions, percentages and decimals

WAU: Shared Education Project

P7:

Lit: Letter writing, colon, semi-colon, advertisements, homophones, and apostrophes

Num: Time, tessellations position and direction.

WAU: Business/ Young Enterprise.

AR Targets

Just a little reminder that this is the last term for pupils to reach their AR target. There will be an AR treat arranged for the end of term for all of the pupils that have reached their target. So why not grab yourself a book when enjoying some of May's sunshine and gain some extra points. We know you can all do it, good luck!

Fundraising

Well done to everyone so far for continuing to support our school by using www.easyfundraising.com. This has been an excellent and easily maintained method of fundraising for DPS. Just a little reminder that if you regularly make purchases from Amazon, eBay, Asda, Tesco etc. you too could be making

a small donation to our school. This does not cost you anything extra but we will automatically get a small donation from your purchase. Furthermore, our recent Easter Egg raffle made £109 which will go to our School Fund. Money from The School Fund is always spent on our pupils i.e. for new educational resources, whole school treats and play equipment.



Swap Shop Uniforms

Dunamanagh Baptist Church have come up with the fabulous idea of running a school uniform swap shop. This is ideal for the current year that we are in as so many pupils have outgrown uniforms that were barely worn.

If you have any uniforms you would like to donate, either DPS, Strabane Academy or any other local schools, you can send them into us here at DPS. Please place them in a bag and send it in with one of our pupils. There will be a box for these in the school Foyer.

Once uniforms have been collected, Dunamanagh Baptist Church members will create an inventory detailing stock of uniforms and size. You will then be able to PM the church's Facebook page to request uniforms and they will arrange a time with you when you can come and collect them.

Thank you to Dunamanagh Baptist church for the organisation and effort involved in this, especially this year when finances are tight for many families. This will also have a positive eco impact too!