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2022

Diary Dates

5th: P3/4 performance @ Echo Echo Studios
 6th: Rev Richard Assembly
 P1 trip to Artigarvan Post Office
 7th: P7 singing with St Michael's PS at Intergenerational Event organised by Dennett Interchange
 8th: P1 School Nurse
 14th: DPSFFA Christmas Wonderland night

All children finish at 1.30pm

15th: CEF Assembly
 Christmas Dinner Day—wear your Christmas Jumper
 Children's Christmas Raffle draw
 Final day to reach AR target
 16th: AR treat
 19th: Carol Service @ 6pm
 20th: Rev Seth Assembly
 21st: Half Day—Christmas Holidays: School closes at 12noon.

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 for some excellent work throughout the month of November.



Dinner Money

Dinner money must be sent to school on a **Monday for the week ahead, clearly labelled with your child's name and the days he/she is eating dinner.**

Carol Service Rehearsals

We will be walking down to Donemana Presbyterian Church to practice for our Carol Service on Monday 12th, Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th and Friday 16th December, and again on Monday 19th December. Please ensure you complete the permission form on the App.

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. This year we are looking forward to a return of our packed church and will be welcoming you all to Donemana Presbyterian Church on Monday 19th December for a 6pm start.

Vocal coaching children are asked to arrive promptly at 5.30pm with the remainder of children arriving dressed and ready to perform at 5.45pm (costumes will be sent home at home time on Monday).

Paired Reading in P4

As the project draws to a close, huge thanks to all at home who supported the 6 weeks of Paired Reading. The children really enjoyed choos-

ing all their own books and sharing their favourite stories. Well done P4.

Christmas Wonderland



We are very much looking forward to our Christmas Wonderland event on Wednesday 14th December. All bookings have now been processed and bookings are closed. You should have received your tickets home and we would appreciate it if you could send full payment as soon as possible c/o Mrs Hay. If you have booked and not received tickets or have any other queries please email friendsofdonemanaps@outlook.com

We have a number of craft stalls on the night for you to enjoy and perhaps purchase from. These include The Body Shop, St James' Parish Church, Tullyard Tails, Crochet Gifts, SC Designs, That's Not My Bookseller and Norwex.

Children's Christmas Raffle and Christmas Dinner Day

We have some lovely gifts in our Children's Christmas Raffle and our pupils are very excited

for the draw which will take place on 15th December during our delicious Christmas Dinner. Tickets are on sale until then priced at 20p per ticket or 3 tickets for 50p. With 20 prizes up for grabs it is sure to be an exciting draw! Pupils and Staff are asked to wear their Christmas jumpers to make it even more festive :-)

Learning For The Month

P1: Literacy: Letter Writing, sounds m, d, g, o and u; blending and segmenting words
Numeracy: consolidating numbers 1-5, money (recognising coins and paying with pennies)
WAU: The Jolly Christmas Postman

P2/3: Literacy: handwriting, writing on the lines, capital letters, early comprehension.
Numeracy: 3d shape, adding/subtraction within 5, number family sums Tens and Units.
WAU– Christmas Story
ICT– Numeracy games, subtraction and shape

P3/4: Literacy: The Nativity Story, magic e
Numeracy: Horizontal addition and subtraction, data handling, 2D shape revision.
ICT: Scratch
WAU: Houses and Homes

P5/6: Literacy: Christmas Writing, Christmas Comprehensions and Carol Service rehearsals. Class Novel: The World's Worst Teachers
Numeracy: 24 Hour Time, Col-

umn Addition, Decomposition (Subtraction) and Christmas Numeracy Activities.

ICT: Electronic Christmas Cards

WAU: The 2022 World Cup

P7: Literacy: letter writing, use formal vocabulary, Christmas comprehension, writing sentences using noun phrases and a dash, Carol Service rehearsals.

Numeracy: converting units of measurement, problem solving. Measuring distance, setting prices, calculating cost and profits.

WAU: Creating Christmas themed items to sell, Christmas Activities, friction forces, solids and liquids.

ICT: Researching materials, use spreadsheets to calculate costs. Creating posters to advertise business.

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.



Illness

As you may have seen on the news there has been an increase in infections caused by Group A streptococcus bacteria compared to what is expected at this time of year. This is being seen primarily in children aged under 10 years.

Group A streptococcal infection usually causes a mild illness with symptoms such as skin infections, sore throat and fever. Scarlet fever, again usually a mild illness, is caused by Group A strep. The vast majority of cases are mild, however, in very rare circumstances, it can cause serious illness.


Parents who suspect their child has scarlet fever are asked to keep them at home and seek medical advice from their GP.

You may receive a warn and inform letter from us to make you aware of scarlet fever in school and to encourage you to be alert to symptoms in your own child, seeking medical advice if required and not sending your child to school if they are unwell.

Children with a diagnosis of scarlet fever should not attend school for a minimum period of 24 hours after starting appropriate antibiotic treatment and they should feel well enough to return to school.


To help us with the management of cases of illness in school please use the 'Report Pupil Absence' button on our school website, adding as much detail as you can.

Please also be mindful of Covid symptoms and keep children at home for 48 hours after an episode of vomiting or diarrhoea.



Scarlet fever

Signs & symptoms



The symptoms of scarlet fever are non-specific in early illness and may include;

- sore throat,
- headache,
- high temperature,
- nausea and vomiting.

After 12 to 48 hours the characteristic red, generalised pinhead rash develops, typically first appearing on the chest and stomach, rapidly spreading to other parts of the body, giving the skin a sandpaper-like texture.

Anyone who thinks they or a child may have it should contact a GP for a proper diagnosis and appropriate treatment.



Do I need to keep my child off school?



Chicken Pox At least 5 days from onset of rash and until all spots have crusted over	Conjunctivitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Diarrhea & /or Vomiting 48 hours from last episode	Respiratory illness (e.g. colds & flu) Can return when no longer have a high temperature and well enough	Glandular Fever No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	
Hand, foot & mouth No need to stay off if well enough, but school or nursery should be informed	Impetigo Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 hours after commencing antibiotics	Head Lice No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Measles 4 days from onset of rash	Mumps 5 days from onset of swelling	German Measles (Rubella) 5 days from onset of rash
Scarlet Fever 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	Scabies Until after first treatment	Slapped Cheek No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Threadworms No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Tonsillitis Can return when no longer have a temperature and well enough, school or nursery should be informed	Whooping Cough 48 hours after commencing antibiotics

Use this guide to find out when they should stay off, and when they can go back if they are well enough to do so.