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## M O N D A Y N E W S

28th June 2021

### End of year School Trips/Fun Days

Our boys and girls enjoyed their end of year school trip/Fun Day. It was great to see the children having great fun. Please see the school website for pictures.

### Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is ongoing each day from 08:15am.



### Prize Giving

Well done to all the boys and girls who were presented with certificates from Mrs Gillen this week Well done on your achievements.

### P1 and P2 Afterschool Club

Year 1-2 after-school club continues daily for Year 1 and 2 children.

### P7 records of Achievement

Well done to P7 boys and girls who were presented with their Records of Achievement by Mrs Gillen. Steelstown P.S. & Nursery Unit wishes to say a special thank you to our Primary 7 boys and girls for all they have done over the years and for their wonderful contribution to Steelstown Primary School. It has been a great privilege to have each child in our school. We also wish to thank our parents for choosing Steelstown Primary School and for trusting us with their child's education. Our school is certainly better for having each family as part of our school family.

### Sunflowers of Hope

Thank you to Mrs Mullan who visited our school on Friday to see our Sunflowers. The boys and girls planted some of their sunflowers in the school grounds. The children will take their sunflowers home to watch them grow over the summer. We would love to see pictures of the children's sunflowers growing at home. Please send them in over the summer holidays. Sunflowers symbolise hope and cheer. We in Steelstown are using the sunflower theme to show positivity and hope. "Together we will grow flowers of hope."



### Masks

All parents/visitors are recommended to wear a mask where possible in all school areas. Thank you for your cooperation.



### P7 Fan the Flame Mass

Well done to our Primary 7 boys & girls for taking part in the Fan the Flame mass online this year. The T-shirts looked amazing.



### P7 Leaver's Dinner

A huge thank you to our wonderful canteen staff for putting on such a beautiful celebration for our Primary 7 boys and girls. The superb selection of dinners and desserts, special "Good Luck" shortbread, treats, goodies bags and the beautiful decor was so much appreciated by everyone. You are a wonderful team!

### Dates for your Diary

Mon 28th June Nursery Inductions  
Wed 30th June Children finish @ 12.30pm



### Nursery & P1 Induction

Thank you to all children & parents who visited the school for their induction. We look forward to seeing you all in September.

### Healthy Snacks for Break-time

Please remind Children to bring in a Healthy snack for break



Cheese/cheese strings	Yogurt	Crackers	One Piece of Fruit
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Education Authority  
WE ARE MOVING ONLINE

Applications for Free School Meals/School Uniform/Physical Education Clothing Allowance will be moving online for School Year 2021/22. All parents and guardians, including new applicants will need to apply online.

Please continue to check in on our social media channels for more details of when the online portal will open and also information on what you need to fill in your online application form.



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**Irish FA SUMMER FOOTBALL CAMPS**  
For boys and girls aged 5-13  
July and August 2021

**MAKE NEW FRIENDS!**  
**LEARN NEW SKILLS!**  
**HAVE FUN!**

**FREE FOOTBALL FOR EVERY CHILD!**

Location	Dates	Time
Newtownstewart Model Primary School	5-9 July	10am-1pm
Leafair 3G pitch, Derry/Londonderry	12-16 July	10am-1pm
Castlederg High School	19-23 July	10am-1pm
Strabane Academy	26-30 July	10am-1pm
Broadbridge Primary School, Eglinton (grass pitch)	2-6 Aug	10am-1pm

Book online at:  
[www.irishfa.com/footballcamps](http://www.irishfa.com/footballcamps)  
gareth.porter@irishfa.com

**Irish FA FOUNDATION**

**Join our Parent Discussion Groups**

Group, Parenting, Advice, Share, Learn, Listen, Change, Inform, Support, Community

**Is a discussion group for me?**

- I am a parent/carer
- I am willing to share my story
- I am willing to listen to others stories
- I am able to attend on the date and time specified

If you have answered yes to the questions we would love to hear from you.

**Parent Support Groups:**

- New Parent Support (pre birth-3months) Wed 2nd July 8-9pm
- Parents supporting children with anxiety Wed 26th July 8-9pm
- Parents Supporting Teens Wed 4th Aug 8-9pm
- Parents Supporting children with ADHD Wed 18th Aug 8-9pm
- Parents Co-Parenting Wed 18th Aug 8-9pm

Phone us free on 0800 8020 400 to book a place

**Parent Line NI**

If you have been identified as a 'close contact' via 'HSCtracing' text or through the StopCOVID app

**What does this mean?** Go home → Stay home

Question	Answer
Can I go to the shops?	No
Can I go to work or school?	No
Can I go out for a walk or exercise?	No
Can I meet up with friends outside?	No
Can I go into my garden?	Yes
Can I visit my friends or family?	No

**Does this mean I will definitely get COVID-19?**

No but you are at risk - a 'close contact' is a person who has been close to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

**How long do I need to stay at home?**

10 days

As a close contact you need to self-isolate at home because you are at risk of developing symptoms in the next 10 days and could spread the virus to others before the symptoms begin.

If you develop symptoms book a test.

[www.pha.site/coronavirus](http://www.pha.site/coronavirus)

**HSC Public Health Agency**

If your child shows any of the Covid 19 symptoms, he/she is to remain at home.

### Covid Symptoms:

- Cough
- Temperature
- Loss of taste/ smell

We are all in this together and we will support each other to help keep our community safe and well. We thank you for your support, patience and understanding.

### A close contact is:

A person who has been close to a confirmed case from 2 days before the person was symptomatic to 10 days after the onset of symptoms and:

- Lives in the same household
- has travelled in a car with the case OR
- has been within 2 metres of a case for more than 15 minutes OR
- has been within 1 metre of a case and had face-to-face contact including:
  - being coughed on
  - having a face-to-face conversation
  - having skin-to-skin physical contact





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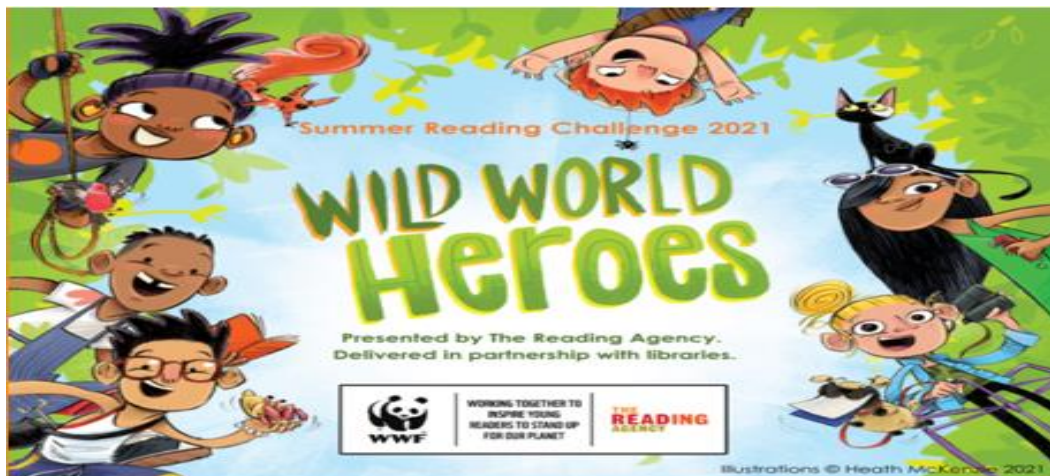


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### Introducing the Summer Reading Challenge 2021

Wild World Heroes, Summer Reading Challenge 2021; a celebration of nature and action for the environment, in partnership with WWF UK.

Arriving online and in libraries across Northern Ireland this summer.

#### What's it all about?

Children age 4-11 can join the Wild World Heroes for this year's Summer Reading Challenge to discover how they can make a difference to the environment and be inspired to stand up for the planet. There will be amazing books, awesome rewards and plenty of ideas too!

#### How does it work?

The Summer Reading Challenge will take place from 19 June until 18 September. Children can sign-up at their local library, choose their reading goal and then read any books to collect special stickers and other rewards along the way – all for **FREE**. There is a digital platform too so the fun can carry on at home.

Everyone who completes their personal challenge will receive a certificate and medal.

Events and activities will take place throughout the summer online and possible face-to-face depending on guidelines issued by the Northern Ireland Executive.

#### Why should children take part?

Children's reading can 'dip' during the long summer holidays if they do not have regular access to books and encouragement to read for pleasure.

The Reading Agency's annual Summer Reading Challenge really helps by getting over 700,000 regularly into libraries over the summer, with thousands more taking part online.

There is no other free reading activity that involves so many children, introduces families to their library, encourages children to read books freely and independently and is endorsed by parents and children.

Call us:  
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