



# Steelstown Primary School Parents' Newsletter



We would like to take this opportunity to wish parents and children from Primary Six a healthy and happy 2018. Please ensure pupils bring their coats every day during the cold weather.

## LITERACY

The children will be focusing on:

Producing tidy, joined script using the style prescribed in the Nelson Handwriting Scheme.

Using dictionaries to improve spelling and to enhance their working vocabulary.

Applying their understanding of grammar and punctuation to all written tasks.

Improving their skimming and scanning techniques especially in comprehension based activities.



## NUMERACY

The children will be focusing on:

Mental arithmetic skills.

Problem solving through Logical Reasoning and Trying a Simpler Case

Decimals and fractions.

Time

Please encourage your child to learn their tables for quick mental recall out of sequence.

## JANUARY/ FEBRUARY IN YEAR 6

### Homework

It is normal at this time of year for homework in Primary six to increase in length and difficulty. Weekend homework will also now be introduced.

### Reading in Year 6

The importance of Reading cannot be over-emphasised. Each child should be reading for at least 15 mins each evening. To this purpose they should have a class novel and a class library book in their schoolbag. There is also a School Library Club which runs from 8.30 to 9.00 each morning.

### P.E

Children have now completed their 15 week swimming programme. Normal P.E. lesson will resume each week including 30/40/50 club. Please ensure pupils bring their P. E for each session.

### Mid-Term Break

Children will be off on Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Feb and will return on Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Feb.

### Catholic Schools week

(28<sup>th</sup> January- 4<sup>th</sup> February)

We will be celebrating Catholic Schools week. There will be a Mass held in the Chapel at 10 am on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> of January. All family members are welcome to attend. The theme for the week will be 'Called to be a Family of Families'

### The World Around Us.

Pupils will be investigating The theme 'Raiders and Traders' This will include the development of the skills of mapping, scale, research and empathy. We would like you to encourage your child to read more widely around this topic to broaden their knowledge base as well as further developing their reading skills.