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5th May 2021

Sharing from the Start

Emma from Play trail will visit the Nursery Unit for Sharing from the Start Activities on Wednesday 5th May at 10am

The Big Pedal Push

Well done to Miss Lynch, all our staff and children on the great work and effort put into "Big Pedal Push" over the last 2 weeks. It has been wonderful to see so many children and adults taking part and being active.



Nursery and P1 Admissions

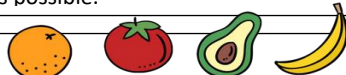
Parents/Guardians have received notification of the outcome of Nursery and P1 Placements on Wednesday 28th April. We will inform Nursery and P1 parents of 2021 – 2022 details of the induction process soon. We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you to the Steelstown Community.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is ongoing each day from 08:15am. Children are to use the car park entrance to the canteen. Each bubble area will be sanitised before and after each group. Payment can be made at the hatch in the canteen.

First Communion and Confirmation

A letter has been sent out to our P4 and P7 parents via the school App. Pending an announcement from N.Ireland Executive on May 17th, we may be able to plan dates for First Communion and Confirmation mid-June. First Confession may be towards the end of May. We thank you for your ongoing support and the preparation of the children for the sacraments both in school and at home. We will continue to update you on dates and information for the sacramental celebrations as soon as possible.



Families Connect

What a great start to our Families Connect Programme. Thank you to everyone who logged on and we look forward to seeing you again this week Wednesday 5th May at 11:00am Please see Mrs Crampsey/ Mrs Gillen or the school office to enrol.

Homework Club

Homework Clubs are ongoing each day Monday – Thursday until 4pm for P4 -P7 children.

Masks

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



May Day Bank Holiday

Children will be off on Monday 3rd May and Tuesday 4th of May for the May Bank Holiday. School resumes at the normal time on Wednesday 5th May.

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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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." Thank you to Redcastle Village Community for the very kind donation of 300 Sunflowers. The project is in loving memory of John, Tomás and Amelia Mullan. We look forward to planting and watching our sunflowers grow.

P6 Literacy and Numeracy Club

The children have settled well back into school and thank you for all your support and effort. We hope to have Primary 6 after-school club on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3-4 pm each week to offer the Primary 6 children support in Literacy and Numeracy. This club is due to start on Thursday 6th May. Information has been sent via the school App.

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

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 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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P1 and P2 Afterschool Club

Year 1-2 after-school club continues daily for Year 1 and 2 Monday – Friday.



Colmcille School Project



Communities across Derry and Donegal will commemorate the 1500th anniversary of the birth of Saint Colmcille/Columba in 2021.

Schools in the Dioceses of Derry and Raphoe are being invited to explore the life and legacy of Colmcille/Columba across the curriculum and to submit a Colmcille School Project by
15 October 2021

Cash prizes will be awarded at both Primary and Post Primary level.