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M O N D A Y N E W S

6th December 2021

Dates for your Diary

- Mon 6th Dec:** School Closed – Holiday
- Tue 7th Dec:** 7pm Friends of Steelstown meeting
- Wed 8th Dec:** 10am Mass from St Eugene's Cathedral. Parents can log on to St Eugene's Cathedral Live Webcam
- Fri 10th Dec:** Christmas Jumper Day. Children can wear a Christmas Jumper & donate £1 to Charity. Christmas Bauble Photograph for Nursery – P4 and siblings
- Wed 15th Dec:** Christmas Dinner in Canteen. The cost is £2.60 and can be paid via ParentPay.
- Thur 6th Jan:** Online applications open for Nursery & P1 and close Fri 28th Jan at 12 noon.
- Sun 12th Dec:** DTIM Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Church



Annual Christmas Draw

It is unfortunate that we will not be able to host our Christmas rickety wheel event in school this year due to Covid Restrictions however we will try to bring some Christmas cheer with our annual school raffle. All money raised will help us with resources for the benefit of our pupils. Therefore, we would like to ask if there are any parents who would be happy and, in a position, to donate or ask their employers for a raffle donation please. If you or a relative own a business and would be willing to donate a voucher or prize, please speak to any member of staff as soon as possible. Please send in any donations into the school office.

Thank you for your on-going support of our school.

From Steelstown with Love at Christmas (P1 – P4)

This Christmas, P1-P4 children will be sharing the spirit of Christmas with residents of our local care homes through a shoebox appeal with a difference.

Thank you to all our P1-4 families who filled a shoe box/A4 Gift Bag with items that an elderly person would like to receive.

The shoeboxes/Gift Bags will be distributed to residents of Culmore Manor and Greenhaw Lodge.

Your generosity and kindness has been amazing and will cheer up so many older residents. Thank you!

Reverse Advent Calendar (P5-P7)

Our P5-P7 children have supported the Foyle Food Bank this Christmas through the Reverse Advent Calendar project. Each class from P5-7 filled up a box using the items on the list which are to be collected from the school.

The past few years have been difficult for many and all donations help those at the Foyle Food Bank make life that little bit easier for those who are in need in the city and wider area.

Thank you for your generosity and thoughtfulness. We are in awe of how you always think of others. Thank you.



Journey to Santa

Sustrans Voyage to Lapland starts on Monday for 2 weeks. Children are encouraged to make an active journey to school. If they make 8 active journeys they will be entered into a draw for a prize. Even if children live too far away or cannot make active journeys, they can park at the chapel and walk & then make an active journey at home. Parents can send pictures of their children making an active Journey through Seesaw.

We look forward to seeing everyone making their active Journey to school.

BBC Northern Ireland School Soloist of the Year 2022

We wish Isabella Gillen P6, all the best of luck as she takes part in the next stage of BBC Northern Ireland School Soloist of the Year 2022 on Monday 6th December in Belfast

We are very proud of you!





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Afterschool Clubs Block Sessions

	Week of 10 th Jan-21 st Feb Block 3	Week of 28 th Feb-11 th Apr Block 4
Swimming (Beginners)	P5	
Arts & Crafts	P6	P7
Eco/Gardening	P5, 6 & 7	

Afterschool Clubs

Afterschool Clubs finish on Friday 10th Dec and resume on Monday 10th January



River Radio Toy Appeal

Thank you to everyone who donated to the River Radio Toy Appeal.



Attendance Champions

Well done to the following classes.

- P1A Miss McIntyre
- P2B Mrs O'Neill
- P3B Miss O'Kane
- P4A Mr McLaughlin
- P5B Mrs O'Hara
- P6A Mr Morris
- P7B Mr Feeney



who were our Weekly Attendance Champions last week.
If you miss School, you miss Out!

Nursery & Primary 1 Applications

Online applications for next year's Nursery and Primary 1 children will open on Thursday 6th Jan 2022. We will post a virtual tour of Steelstown P.S online and if anyone has any questions, do not hesitate to contact Mrs Gillen on 02871 351830

Virtual Open Day

Our virtual tour will show you what makes Steelstown P.S the special School it is.



Afterschool timetable

Mon 6th Dec	School Closed – Holiday
Tues 7th Dec	8.30-9.00am Athletics Cross Country Y4-Y7 ICT/Mathletics/Accelerated Reader Morning Club Y4 – Y7 2.10-2.55pm P1 & P2 Afterschool Club 3.05-4.00pm Homework Club Y4-Y7 Gaelic Y6-Y7 Arts, Crafts and Crochet Y5 (WK 25/10 – WK 06/12)
Wed 8th Dec	8.30-9.00am ICT/Mathletics/Accelerated Reader Morning Club Y4 – Y7 2.10-2.55pm P1 & P2 Afterschool Club 3.05-4.00pm Homework Club Y4-Y7 Literacy/Numeracy Y7 Eco, Garden & Forest Schools Y3 (WK 25/10 – WK29/11)
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Christmas Nativity Plays

Nativity plays are very special parts of Christmas for our children, family & community. We had planned to host each face to face with small numbers from each family present.

However, cases in Covid transmission are creeping up and we have had to make the reluctant decision that it wouldn't be safe to hold them face to face this year. We understand this is a big disappointment for us as a school and for you.

The children and staff have been working very hard behind the scenes and we promise you that you will be delighted to watch their performance.



0808 8020 400

Bounce Back

"Do you find yourself in cycles of nagging and bickering with partners and children? Are you fed up 'fighting fires' at home every day?"

If so then join us as we look at real ways to manage day to day challenges, cope with bumps along the way and all the while Keeping our cool.

FREE parent and carer workshops via zoom
6 sessions 8pm-9pm starting Mon 10th January or Thursday 13th January 2022

Call us on 0808 8020 400 to learn more and book your place
Mon-Thurs 9am-9pm
Friday 9am-5pm
Saturday 9am-12pm

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