

# Steels town Primary School Parents' Newsletter

Dear Parent

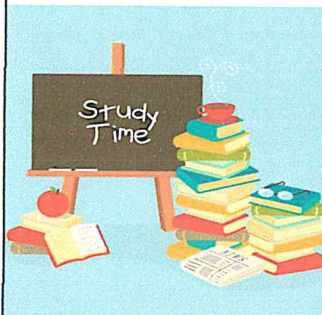
On behalf of the Year 5 teachers Mrs Devine and Miss Flood we welcome your child to Year 5. We hope your child has an enjoyable, happy and content year. Below are a few helpful hints to help your child settle into their class.

## HOMWORK

Your child has been given a homework diary and reading diary to record his/her homework. Reading diaries and homework must be signed each night. Written homework must be done in pencil only and coloured pencils or crayons must be used for colouring work. Children are expected to do reading, spellings and times table every night as well as any written homework. Encourage your child to check they have all they need before leaving the school or the house in the morning. Ring the school to speak to the teacher if any difficulties arise.

## Reading

Children should be encouraged to read as much as possible at home. A reading club is available in the school library at 8.30am each morning. Please encourage your child to use the facilities at Shantallow library. In Key Stage 2 your child will need a dictionary for reading and spelling work. These can be purchased in Eason's. It is important to read with your child to discuss what they have read and the meaning of unfamiliar words



## Equipment

While the school provides essential equipment, it is advisable that each child has their own personal toolbox of pencils, erasers, glue, ruler, scissors to complete home works. Your child can bring a water bottle to school and refill it in the classroom. Please ensure that the top is secure and carried safely to protect items in their schoolbag. PE equipment is required on a Monday and on a Friday. Correct footwear is important. School shoes must be worn to and from school on PE days.

# September in Year 5

## Attendance

It is an important expectation that children come to school punctually on a regular basis. We would ask that if your child can not come to school, that the class teacher should be informed by note or a phone call to reception as soon as possible. You may also use your child's diary to communicate with the teacher. Pupil attendance will be monitored this year.

## Charity focus

The charity focus for September and October is the Foyle Hospice.

## Music

Primary 5 will receive instrumental tuition this year, Mrs Devine's class will receive tuition on strings on a Wednesday. Miss Flood's class will receive woodwind tuition on a Monday. It is a great opportunity and your support is appreciated.

## Dinner

The cost of school dinners is now £2.60. Pupils who bring their own lunch are reminded that our school promotes Healthy Eating. Children who bring money to use in the canteen must look after their own money. It must never be kept in a coat pocket so please urge your child to keep it safely.